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GERRIT HENDRIK ROOKS
FAMILY HISTORY

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F O R E W O R D

As a matter of natural curiosity the author, wishing to obtain a correct record of the Gerrit Hendrik Rooks family, and believing that future generations of the Rooks Family might also be interested, began compiling this record in 1950. Other than the author's immediate family, little was known as to where other members of the Rooks family were located. However, it was known to the author that some members of the family had settled in Holland, Michigan.

After contact had been made with a cousin, Gerrit J. Rooks, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, much family information was obtained, as a majority of the Rooks family lived in that part of Michigan. Through his efforts a record of births was obtained from the Burgomaster of Winterswijk, Netherlands. From that time on and until the completion of this family record Gerrit has been of inestimable help in obtaining information for this record. Many others have responded whole-heartedly to every request for information, and for this fine cooperation we give them our most hearty thanks.

No attempt has been made to trace the family tree further than Gerrit Hendrik Rooks, father of the first Rooks family to arrive in America. It might be noted here that there are other Rooks families in America but bear no relation to the Gerrit Rooks family, so far as the author has been able to determine.

It is our purpose to trace the family from its beginning in America only. We leave it to some future historian, if he so desires, to trace the family further back.

No financial reward for compiling this family record is expected.If enough is realized to cover the actual cost of compiling and publishing this record the author will feel well compensated for his efforts.

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INTRODUCTION TO ROOKS FAMILY HISTORY

As a background of political and religious conditions in The Netherlands prior to the emigration of Gerrit Hendrik Rooks and others to America, a brief history of conditions prevailing at that time will be appropriate.

Up to the time Gerrit Hendrik Rooks left the Netherlands the church was supported by the state, which, at that time, was quite the custom in most European countries. In America - thanks to the framers of our Constitution - religious freedom is guaranteed; the church being completely free from political domination.

With the state, or Netherlands government, controlling the church, and the ministers of the church receiving their salaries from the government they, quite naturally, could be influenced to some extent by the politicians who were in power. They could be orthodox or liberal, and many were so liberal that their sermons were mere essays.

Such were the conditions prevailing at that time; but what made matters worse was this: After Napoleon abdicated 1,814 Commissioners of the various European states met at Vienna to readjust the map of Europe. This assemblage was called the Congress of Vienna. At this meeting the Netherlands became a monarchy under William I. He imposed upon the church a reorganization which had unfortunate results. The Provincial Synods were abolished and a National Synod established. Thus the Classes were stripped of all governing authority and reduced to a mere gathering of ministers for fellowship.

Not only did the king impose this reorganization upon the church without its consent, but he retained control over major religious bodies by appointing their members. That the Dutch people accepted these changes so meekly was due, largely, to their loyalty to the House of Orange, to weariness of wars, and to theological rationalism.

The theological changes instituted by that national synod were far-reaching. All binding authority had lost its force; so ministers and officers could believe anything they wanted to.

But there were a few who raised their voices in objection to these changes; these objections were supported by many of the laity. However, the lay opposition to the changes was aided by several factors:
The orthodox group within the church had a form of separate organization, which gave them an independent and unified voice. Furthermore, there was a spiritual awakening. Some four or five young ministers, graduates from the University of Leiden, entered the fight for orthodoxy.

One of these graduates, Hendrik De Coch, openly defended orthodoxy and resisted the state. Then he broke with the state church and again preached the gospel in its purity, people came from far and near to hear him. At times the church was so full that ladders were borrowed and placed outside the windows so more people could hear the Word of God proclaimed. One writer declared that it reminded him of Wesley in England and Finney in America.

Realizing that this revival of religion would damage the established church, the ruling powers came together and discussed what procedure they should follow to check the growth of this new religious movement. Finally, they found an old Napoleonic law, passed in wartime, which prohibited gatherings of more than 20 persons. This law, meant to protect the state against espionage in wartime, was invoked arbitrarily and used to discourage these religious meetings. To further aggravate the situation policemen were detailed to watch homes, sometimes entering them to see if more than 20 persons were present.

In 1834 a separate denomination was organized, consisting of the orthodox, or reformed, people. These young ministers, graduates of Leiden, were in this group. Two of these men, namely, Dr. A. C. Van Raalte and the Reverend Scholte, were of this group. Dr. Van Raalte was the leader of the group that settled at the present site of the city of Holland, Mich., in 1847, while the reverend Scholte headed a group that settled at Pella, Iowa. At the time Dr. Van Raalte and his group arrived at the present site of Holland they found a small Indian Village of about 20 cabins. These Indians hunted, fished, and raised some corn for a living.

Others arriving shortly after the original settlers, who came looking for Holland, were told that the town was "right there among the trees." So it was necessary to wield the ax and convert trees into houses, rude though they were, by much hard work. Dreaming of a better way of life here than the Old World could give them they persevered until the forest gave way to a thriving community and productive farms surrounding the town. It should be realized, of course, that not all who came to this country from the Netherlands came only for religious freedom; many came also for an opportunity to make a better living and raise their families in an atmosphere of freedom and peace, unhampered by endless wars and severe economic pressures.

The town of Zeeland, near Holland, was settled by a group from the Netherlands who had a minister, elders, and deacons selected before sailing for America, so that, on arriving at their destination their plans were complete for establishing a church.

Thus it will be noted that Gerrit Hendrik Rooks was among the early settlers, arriving at Holland in 1855, just 8 years after the first settlers arrived. Transportation was given prime consideration, so the site of Holland, on the shore of Lake Michigan, gave the settlers an outlet to carry on commerce with the outside world and, in later years, with the advent of railroads, their field for commercial expansion was widened still further.

The following is a copy of letter sent to Gerrit J. Rooks, grandson of Gerrit Hendrik Rooks, in reply to request for record of births of the Rooks children:

GEMEENTE WINTERSWIJK

Mr. Gerrit J. Rooks,
243 Hollister Avenue, S.E.,
Grand Rapids 6, Michigan,
Verenigde Staaten van America.

Winterswijk, 2 Februari 1951

According to your letter, dated November 17, 1950, I acknowledge you, that the correct name of your grandfather was: Rooks, Gerrit Hendrik, born at Winterswijk on November 9, 1789.

He married on January 22, 1817, Navis, Aleida; born at Winterswijk, Netherlands, on November 28, 1795, who died on September 17, 1822.

Your grandfather married again on February 21, 1824, Hesselink, Janna Catharina; born at Winterswijk on September 30, 1798

The Christian names of your grandfather's children are:

Jan Hendrik, born November 26, 1818.
Johanna Sophia, born September 16, 1822.
Jan Albert, born April 1, 1824.
Gerrit Jan, born June 9, 1827.
Aleida, born November 16, 1829.
Harmina Hendrika, born August 15, 1832.
Janna Geertruid, born April 25, 1835.
Harman Jan, born September 14, 1837
Gerrit Hendrik, born March 7, 1841

All children were born at Winterswijk.

Jan Hendrik and Gerrit Jan went some time between 1837 and 1846 to America.

Your grandfather, his wife, and the other children, except Johanna Sophia and Aleida, left in July 1855. Aleida was unmarried and childless, and died on June 25, 1880.

Johanna Sophia left for Eibergen, a village near Winterswijk, April 29, 1854. The municipality of Eibergen cannot supply further information about her.

(Signed) The Burgomaster of Winterswijk.

EXPLANATION OF SCHEME OF THIS GENEALOGY

It will be noted that at the beginning of this genealogy, starting with Gerrit Hendrik Rooks, that the roman numeral "I" is used to designate the first generation; "II" the second generation, etc.

Each child born to the first (1) generation is preceded by an Arabic numeral (1, 2, 3, etc.), representing the number of children in a family. Example:

III (1) GERRIT ROOKS (First born in third generation)

III (2) WILLIAM ROOKS (Second child in third generation)
Issue:
IV (1) HATTIE ROOKS (First child in fourth generation)

IV (2) J. W. ROOKS (Second child in fourth generation)

V (1) Fifth generation

VI (1) Sixth generation

CHAPTER I

GERRIT HENDRIK ROOKS

1. GERRIT HENDRIK ROOKS, born at Winterswijk, Netherlands, November 9, 1789, died at Holland, Michigan (date unknown). He married Aleida Navis, January 22, 1817. She died September 17, 1822, at Winterswijk. He married, secondly, Janna Catharina Hesselink, February 21, 1824 (born September 30, 1798). There was much religious intolerance in Europe during this period and the Netherlands were no exception. About this time a wave of emigration swept over the country, many wishing to go to America, where there were no restrictions on religious beliefs. Gerrit Hendrik decided to emigrate to America and, accordingly, in July, 1855, he, with his family, excepting Johanna, Sophia, and Aleida, left the Netherlands for America and settled at Holland, Michigan. Here it might be mentioned that two of his sons, Gerrit John and John Hendrik, had preceded him to America by 11 years. At the time Gerrit Hendrik arrived in Holland he was in complete ignorance as to the location of the two sons who had preceded him to America. It was not until sometime during the Civil War that his son Gerrit John, who then lived in Missouri, learned that his father had located in Holland, Michigan. By the time Gerrit Hendrik settled in Holland the town was well established. He spent the remainder of his life there on a farm. Both Gerrit Hendrik and his wife were members of the Reformed Church.

Issue by first marriage, 2 children:

II (1) JOHN HENDRIK ROOKS, born November 26, 1818. Left Winterswijk in 1844 with his brother Gerrit John. They separated at Lorain, Ohio. Gerrit went to Missouri, but it is not known where John Hendrik settled. He could have gone south,but this is mere speculation.

II (2) JOHANNA SOPHIA ROOKS, born September 16, 1822, remained in the Netherlands. No further information.

Issue by second marriage, 7 children:

John Albert	Janna Geertruid
Gerrit John	Harmen John
Aleida	Gerrit Hendrik
Harmina Hendrika	

John Albert Rooks and Descendants

II (3) JOHN ALBERT ROOKS, born April 1, 1824, at Winterswijk, Netherlands, died May 3, 1872. He was accidentally Killed by a runaway horse. He married Johanna Helder (born May 22, 1836; died March 18, 1901). Albert was a farmer and lived on a farm near Noordeloos, Michigan. They were members of the Christian Reformed Church. Issue, 7 children (Gerrit, William, Anna, Jennie, John, Cornelius, and Lena):

III (1) GERRIT ROOKS, born December 23, 1860, died May 14, 1931. Married Lillian Gordon (a widow) February 21, 1895. They lived at Muskegon, Michigan, and during his lifetime he followed the occupation of machinist. No issue.

III (2) WILLIAM A. ROOKS, born January 7, 1862; died March 28, 1926. Married Elizabeth Waalkes July 31, 1895. She was born May 20, 1862, and died January 29, 1925. They lived at Muskegon. He was employed at Continental Motors there. They were members of Central Reformed Church. Issue, 2 children (Josie and John):

IV (1) JOSIE ROOKS, born June 24, 1898. Employed in Personnel Office of Norge Appliance Service Department, Muskegon. Member of Central Reformed Church. Lives at 1542 Beach Street, Muskegon, Michigan.

IV (2) JOHN W. ROOKS, Born January 7, 1902. Married Marguerite Bergsma December 14, 1931. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Detroit. They own and operate a motel at Sanilac Beach. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. They live at 7568 West Morrow Circle, Dearborn, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Joan, Judith, and John):

V (1) JOAN M., born November 5, 1937. Graduated from Michigan State in 1959.

V (2) JUDITH A. ROOKS, born August 12, 1940 Graduate of Fordson High School.

V (3) JOHN W. ROOKS, Jr., born March 3, 1943.

III (3) ANNA CATHERINE (ROOKS) KNOOIHUIZEN, born September 30, 1864; died April 24, 1926. Married Bert Knooihuizen April 19, 1888. They lived on a farm near North Holland, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Grace, Johanna, and Ray):

IV (1) GRACE (KNOOIHUIZEN) NIENHUIS, born February 12, 1889. Married John W. Nienhuis June 27, 1912, (born May 6, 1881). He operated a general store near Holland for many years. Now retied and lives on Rural Route 2, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 6 children (Bertha, Raymond, Kathryn, Leon, Anna and Constance):

V (1) BERTHA (NIENHUIS) KOOTSTRA, born June 13, 1913. Graduated from Holland High School and Blodgett Hospital School of Nursing at Grand Rapids. Married James Kootstra November 25, 1937. They live at 640 East Tenth St., Holland, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Janice and Ronnie):

VI (1) JANICE RAE KOOTSTRA, born Sept. 18, 1938.
(2) RONNIE KEITH KOOTSTRA, born Sept. 9, 1939.

V (2) RAYMOND BERT NIENHUIS, born Oct. 12, 1915. Married Anna Ruth Van Zoeren May 14, 1939. Raymond is employed at Continental Motors at Grand Haven, Mich. Both are members of Second Reformed Church, Grand Haven. They live on Rural Route 1, Grand Haven. Issue, 2 children (twins):

VI (1) DAVID NIENHUIS, born Nov. 24, 1942.
(2) DOUGLAS NIENHUIS, born Nov.24, 1942.

V (3) KATHRYN JOHANNA (NIENHUIS) KOOP, born Nov.18, 1917. Graduate of Holland High School. Married Henry Koop, Jr., May 15, 1911. Occupation, electrician. They live at 37 Lakewood Boulevard, Holland, Mich. Issue, 3 children:

VI (1) DALE WAYNE KOOP, born Nov. 23, 1939.

(2) SHARON KAY KOOP, born Dec. 2, 1941.

(3) NORMAN JAY KOOP, born Dec. 25, 1944.

V (4) LEON GEORGE NEINHUIS, born Jan. 10, 1919; was killed in action March 15, 1945, in World War II. Married Leona Veldhen Feb. 14, 1941 (Born July 6, 1921). Lived on Rural Route 2, Holland, Michigan. Issue:

VI. JAN WESLEY, born July 26, 1941.

V (5) ANNA JEAN (NIENHUIS) ARNOLDINK, born Dec. 20, 1923. Graduated from Holland High School. Married Alfred Arnoldink Aug. 14, 1956. He is engaged in grocery business. They live at 1330 Arianna St., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue, 3 children:

VI (1) SONYA SUE ARNOLDINK, born Oct. 11, 1949.
(2) SALLY LYNNE ARNOLDINK, born Dec. 29, 1950.
(3) LAURIE ARNOLDINK, born Feb. 21, 1954.

V (6) CONSTANCE NIENHUIS, born Dec. 5, 1925. Graduated from Holland High School. Employed by Peoples Bank, Holland, Mich. Lives Rural Route #2, Holland.

IV (2) JOHANNA (KNOOIHUIZEN) KAMPER, born Aug. 15, 1890. Married Albert K. Kamper Aug. 10, 1932 (born 1878; died Jan. 24, 1958). They lived on a farm on Rural Route 2, Holland, Mich. Issue: 1 child.

V. GLENN ALLEN KAMPER, born May 10, 1933.

IV (3) RAY B. KNOOIHUIZEN, born May 23, 1892, at North Holland. Married Edna Louise McIntyre Dec. 25, 1917, (born Oct. 1, 1895). Members of First Reformed Church. They live at 737 Columbus Ave., Holland, Mich. Issue: 3 children (Delbert, Charles & Mary):

V (1) DELBERT S. KNOOIHUIZEN, born Jan. 8, 1921. Married Emillie Moncada Aug. 17, 1946 (born Jan. 10, 1923). Vocation, certified public accountant. He is associated with First Mortgage Association of Detroit and Dayton. They live at 12095 Ashton St., Detroit, Mich. Members of Methodist Church. Issue, 3 children:

VI (1) MARGARET MARIE KNOOIHUIZEN, born Feb. 6, 1951.
VI (2) DONALD S., born July 17, 1953.

VI (3) BRUCE R., born Jan. 13, 1956.

V (2) CHARLES EDGAR KNOOIHUIZEN, born Oct. 11, 1922. Married Arlene Poll May 6, 1949. They are members of the First Reformed Church, Holland, and live at 175 West Nineteenth St., Holland, Mich. Issue, 3 children (Louis, Charlene, and David):

VI (1) LOUIS DALE KNOOIHUIZEN, born Oct. 11, 1949.
(2) CHARLENE ANN KNOOIHUIZEN, born Oct. 25,1950.
(3) DAVID POLL KNOOIHUIZEN, born Apr. 16, 1957.

V (3) MARY ANN (KNOOIHUIZEN) BRADLEY, born Mar. 10, 1934. Married Charles B. Bradley Aug. 17, 1956 (born Jan. 11, 1932). She is a graduate of Western Michigan University. Teaches school in Falls Church, Va. He is a student at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

III (4) JENNIE (ROOKS) NIENHUIS (better known to her friends as "Aunt Jane"), born Sept. 19, 1865; died Feb. 17, 1959. Married Abel J. Nienhuis Aug. 17, 1887. He died Oct. 8, 1939. At the age of 26 he, with his brother Wybe, established a general store at Crisp, Mich. While engaged in this business he found time to serve as school inspector from 1883 to 1893. In 1904 he sold his interest in the store to his brother, after which he moved onto a farm near North Holland where he spent the remainder of his life. For many years Jennie lived at 212 Columbus Avenue, Holland, Mich. Issue, 4 children (Maggie, Albert, John, and Rhine):

IV (1) MAGGIE (NIENHUIS) SCHAFTNER, born June 26, 1888; died July 21, 1957. Married George Schaftner May 18, 1911 (born Jan. 10, 1888). For many years he operated a shoe store at Stevens Point, Wis. They lived at 1316 College Avenue, Stevens Point. Issue, 2 children (Gordon and Marjorie):

V (1) GORDON SCHAFTNER, born Sept. 20, 1912. Married Muriel Williamson Sept. 3, 1937. They live at 409 North Illinois Ave., Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Issue, 2 children (Nancy and Bette):

VI (1) NANCY ANN SCHAFTNER, born Apr. 7, 1939. Graduated from high school in 1957.

VI (2) BETTE LYN SCHAFTNER, born Sept. 26, 1945.

V (2) MARJORIE (SCHAFTNER) NIENHUIS, born Feb 10, 1914. Married Willis Nienhuis May 1, 1937 (born May 15, 1913). They live at 156 North 120th Street, Holland, Michigan.

IV (2) ALBERT A. NIENHUIS, born June 17, 1890. Married Alice Van den Berg September 20, 1917 (born November 20, 1894). He is employed as assistant cashier in the First National Bank in Holland, Michigan. Residence, 87 East Eighteenth Street, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 4 children (Evelyn Jane, Lester Irwin, Vernon Dale, and Earl Jay):

V (1) EVELYN JANE (NIENHUIS) SCHIPPER, born June 16, 1918. Married Jay N. Schipper December 18, 1941 (born April 24, 1917). Vocation, salesman. Residence, 235 West 21st Street., Holland, Michigan. Issue, 2 Children (Jack Dale and Larry Allen):

VI (1) JACK DALE SCHIPPER, born Dec. 4, 1943.
(2) LARRY ALLEN SCHIPPER, born June 2, 1947.

V (2) LESTER IRWIN NIENHUIS, born Jan. 20, 1922. Graduate of Hope College, Holland, Mich., and University of Michigan School of Medicine. For a while he was chief of surgeons at the Army-Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. Now practicing medicine in Tulsa, Okla. He married Evelyn Rayzor Nov. 3, 1951 (born Nov. 30, 1929). They are members of John Knox Presbyterian Church and live on 2102 East 39th St., Tulsa, Okla. Issue, 2 children (Gay Porter and James Irwin):

VI (1) GAY PORTER NIENHUIS, born Dec. 17, 1952.
(2) JAMES IRWIN NIENHUIS, born Jan. 24, 1954

V (3) VERNON DALE NIENHUIS, born Aug. 2, 1925. Married Donna van Voorst Apr. 30, 1948 (born Feb. 19, 1927). Vocation, carpenter. Lives at 1425 Arthur Ave., Orlando, Fla. Issue, 2 children (Greg Allen and Michael):

VI (1) GREG ALLEN NEINHUIS, born Jan. 12, 1952
(2) MICHAEL NIENHUIS, born Nov. 15, 1955

V (4) EARL JAY NEINHUIS, born Apr. 29, 1929. Married Tanya Withy Nov. 25, 1957. Served in the Army shortly after World War II with rank of Lieutenant. Now employed as claims representative for Farmers Insurance Group. Member of Reformed Church, Residence, 4819 Laurie Lane, Lansing, Mich. Issue:

VI. DEBORAH RAE NIENHUIS, born Feb. 23, 1959

IV (3) JOHN A. NIENHUIS, born June 24, 1894. Married, firstly, Margaret Venderberg, July 9, 1918. She died Dec. 7, 1950. Married, secondly, Mrs. Donna Ralston Dec. 29, 1951. He operates an electrical appliance store in Muskegon, Mich., under the name of Muskegon Maytag Co. Issue, 4 children, all by the first marriage (Priscilla, Kenneth, Chester and Lillian):

V (1) PRISCILLA MARJORIE (NIENHUIS) VAN DAM, born Oct. 2, 1919. Married William Van Dam Feb. 25, 1943. They live at Royal Oak, Mich. Issue, 3 children (Judith, Daniel, and Diane):

VI (1) JUDITH ARLENE VAN DAM, born Aug. 2, 1947; died Aug. 28, 1953.
(2) DANIEL VAN DAM, born March 7, 1950.
(3) DIANE MARGARET VAN DAM, born March 24, 1956.

V (2) KENNETH EARL NIENHUIS, born July 31, 1923; died July 7, 1926

V (3) CHESTER GALE NIENHUIS, born April 17, 1927. Married Fern Van der Loon (born March 14, 1926). He is associated with his father in business under name of Muskegon Maytag Co. Issue, 2 children (Randy and Scott):

VI (1) RANDY JOHN NIENHUIS, born Sept. 27, 1952.
(2) SCOTT ALLEN NIENHUIS, born August 2, 1955.

V (4) LILLIAN MAE NIENHUIS, born October 2, 1928; died February 6, 1929.

IV (4) RHINE J. NIENHUIS, born Dec. 15, 1898; died March 31, 1923. Married Anna Zantung June 1920. Issue, 1 child:

V FLORENCE (NIENHUIS) BRADY, born September 8, 1920. Married William Brady August 22, 1941. He is employed in packing department of Norge Service Appliance Division of Borg Warner, Muskegon, Michigan. They live on Rural Route 2, Holland, Michigan. Issue 3 children (Sandra, David, and Randal):

VI (1) SANDRA JEAN BRADY, born August 31, 1946.
(2) DAVID ALLEN BRADY, born July 7, 1949.
(3) RANDAL LEE BRADY, born March 30, 1952.

III (5) JOHN A. ROOKS, born September, 1867; died October 6, 1943. Married Minnie Hulse (born August 7, 1872; died March 3, 1945). Occupation, machinist; was employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Ry. for many years. Lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Issue, 2 children (Orville and Russell):

IV (1) ORVILLE AUBREY ROOKS, born January 21, 1903. Married Helen Frances Jonas September 18, 1937 (born October 14, 1919). Residence, 503 North 29th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. Issue, 2 children (Aubrey and Daniel):

V (1) AUBREY DENNIS ROOKS, born July 22, 1938.
V (2) DANIEL JOHN ROOKS, born June 12, 1945.

IV (2) RUSSELL ROOKS, born February 15, 1910. Married Hazel Newman August 31, 1940 (born March 29, 1915). Members of Lutheran Church. They live at 2100 Eighty-fifth Street, West Allis, Milwaukee Wisconsin. Issue, 2 children (Robert John and Richard Edward):

V (1) ROBERT JOHN ROOKS, born June 27, 1941.
V (2) RICHARD EDWARD ROOKS, born September 15, 1949.

III (6) CORNELIUS ROOKS, born November 26, 1869, at North Holland, Mich., died June 25, 1958, at Bellflower, California. He was buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery. He married Cornelia Elman March 12, 1891. She was born March 31, 1874, and died February 4, 1958.

Cornelius had an interesting and varied career, showing a capacity to adapt himself to a variety of situations. After learning the machinist trade he worked in a bicycle shop; next an automobile factory, then a wagon factory. For some time he was foreman in a woodworking factory in Holland, Mich. While holding this position he traveled quite extensively in the interest of the business, covering almost every State in the Union. He later relinquished his foremanship with this company to engage in business for himself, operating a machine shop at Sturgis, Mich. Two years later he sold the machine shop and moved to Chicago. There he was engaged in the mercantile business until a fire destroyed the contents of the store. His investment in this business was a total loss.

Leaving Chicago he went to Denver, Colo., and resumed work at the machinist trade. After 3 years in Denver he went to San Francisco, Calif., and continued to work at his trade for about 3 years, then went to Los Angeles. Here he soon found employment at his trade and continued to work until he reached the age of 50. Then he was told by his employer that he was too old to work and was laid off. Undaunted, he launched out into a new field in which he had no previous experience - the building industry. For 20 years he built and sold houses in Los Angeles. When World War II broke out there was a tremendous demand for machinists; so, at the age of 72 he returned to his trade once more. Six years later, at the age of 78, he voluntarily quit. This time his employer did not tell him he was too old. Issue, 3 children:

IV (1) The first child, unnamed, died in infancy.

IV (2) ALBERT ROOKS, born Feb. 19, 1894, at Grand Rapids, Mich. Married Gertrude Van Zonten Sept. 23, 1923. Occupation, machinist. Both are members of First Christian Reformed Church, Los Angeles. Residence, 832 West 109th Place, Los Angeles, Calif. Issue, 2 children (Greta Moe and Alberta Joyce):

V (1) GRETA MOE (ROOKS) VOS, born July 5, 1925. Married Albert Vos July 18, 1947 (born Jan. 7, 1925). He is in the optical equipment business. They live at 651 105th St., Los Angeles, Calif. Issue, 2 Children (Robert and Steven):

VI (1) ROBERT EUGENE VOS, born Apr. 10, 1948.
(2) STEVEN ALBERT VOS, born Nov. 24, 1949.

V (2) ALBERTA JOYCE (ROOKS) McCULLAR, born Dec. 25, 1935, at Los Angeles. Married, firstly, Clifford A. Palmer, Dec. 30, 1951. They were divorced. Married, secondly, John McCullar in 1957 (born in Texas Apr. 9, 1931). Residence, 626 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. Issue, by first marriage, 1 child:

VI. LUCILLE CAROL PALMER, born May 19, 1953

IV (3) LEONA MATILDA (ROOKS) BOERMAN, born Nov. 5, 1902. Married Benjamin Boerman May 28, 1928. He died Sept. 27, 1937. Mrs. Boerman is secretary to the president of California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo. Residence, 152 Polyview Homes, San Luis Obispo. Member of Presbyterian Church. Issue, 3 children (Constance, Gary, and Benadene):

V (1) CONSTANCE YVETTE (BOERMAN) PERDEW, born Nov. 9, 1933, in New York City. Married William Perdew Nov. 27, 1954. They live at Golden Valley Farms, 12278 Cienega Road, Hollister, Calif. Issue, 2 children (William and Denise):

VI (1) WILLIAM JAMES PERDEW, born Mar. 28, 1956.
(2) DENISE LEONE PERDEW, born Nov. 17, 1957.

V (2) GARY LEE BOERMAN, born Aug. 13, 1935, at Fremont, Mich.

V (3) BENADENE LEONE BOERMAN, born Feb. 10, 1938, at Loma Linde, Calif. Graduated from California State Polytechnic College in 1959.

III (7) LENA (ROOKS) VANDERLINDE, born Dec. 18, 1871; died Sept 3, 1919. Married Henry Vanderlinde Aug. 8, 1895 (born July 19, 1869; died July 31, 1947). For many years he conducted a men's clothing store at Holland, Mich., but retired about three years previous to his death. Both were members of Trinity Reformed Church at Holland. Issue, 1 child:

IV. HELENE (VANDERLINDE) TRAPP, born July 19, 1900, at Holland. Married Kelly Trapp Nov. 23, 1926 (born Nov.20, 1894). He is district manager for Holland Motor Express. They live at 508 Slayton St., Grand Haven, Mich. No issue.

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After the death of John Albert Rooks his widow, Johanna, married Reinder Bultema. He died Oct. 19, 1927. To this second marriage there was born one child, Herman Bultema, Oct. 14, 1875. He died Dec. 18, 1950. Herman married Jennie Meyering. They lived in North Holland. Four children were born to the latter marriage; Nellie, Josephine, Raymond, and Ruth. No further information obtainable.

(This completes the John Albert Rooks branch)

CHAPTER II

GERRIT JOHN ROOKS AND DESCENDANTS

II (4) GERRIT JOHN ROOKS, born at Winterswijk, Netherlands, June 9, 1827, died April 17, 1891. He and his brother John Hendrik came to America about 1844. This was about 11 years before his parents arrived in this country. The two brothers separated in Lorain, Ohio, Gerrit proceeding westward to Missouri. It is not known to this day what became of John Hendrik. Gerrit married Hettie Mott (born 1821, died November 21, 1889) and settled down to farm life about 7 miles southeast of Macon, Missouri. When the Civil War broke out Missouri found itself in the midst of bitter factionalism over the slavery question. Opinion was about equally divided on this issue. Gerrit remained loyal to the Union and for awhile was in the army or State Militia. With bitter factional differences rampant in his neighborhood his life was in constant danger. At times he found it necessary to seek shelter in the forest near his home or in a cornfield for protection from irresponsible bands of assassins who went about during those dark days of civil strife. His horses were hidden in a deep thicket at night to prevent enemies from stealing them.

While in the army he came in contact with some soldiers from around Holland, Michigan. They informed Gerrit that there was a Rooks family at Holland. After expiration of his enlistment, which was prior to the ending of the war, he went to Holland. To his happy surprise he found his parents and brothers and sisters living on a farm there. Correspondence between Gerrit and his parents ceased sometime after his arrival in this country, so he was unaware that they had followed him to America 11 years later until his meeting with Michigan soldiers and being so informed by them.

Gerrit remained with his parents at Holland for the duration of the war, leaving the family in Missouri to take care of the farm, then returned to his home where he spent the remainder of his life on the farm. He was buried in Friendship Church Cemetery, about 10 miles southeast of Macon. Issue, 6 children (William Scott, Garret D., Mary C., John R., Hettie and Halie):

III (1) WILLIAM SCOTT ROOKS, born March 28, 1852, at South Bend, Ind.; died in March, 1902. He married Mylinda Jane Overstreet November 16, 1873, at Hannibal, Missouri. She was born September 26, 1852, at Harrodsburg, Kentucky; died October 6, 1899. She was a granddaughter of a sister to Nancy Hanks, who was the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Scott lived on a farm near Meadville, Missouri. He was kicked by a horse and so seriously injured that he never recovered. Gangrene finally developed, causing his death. Issue, 11 children (William, Adah, Charles, Claude, Elmer, Earnest, Everett, Carl, Minnie, Ruby and Ralph):

IV (1) WILLIAM SCOTT ROOKS, Jr., born September 1875, Died Sept. 1898.

IV (2) ADAH PEARL (ROOKS) ROBBINS, born at Laporte, Mo., Jan. 5, 1877; died Nov. 2, 1948. Married David Scott Robbins in 1896 (born Aug. 1, 1876; died in 1940 at Stockton, Calif). Issue, 5 children (Fay Stanley, Estelle, Frances, Sanford Kenneth, and Evelyn):

V (1) FAY STANLEY ROBBINS, born Aug. 22, 1898, at Laclede, Mo.; died March 14, 1954, at South San Francisco, Calif. Married Ann Davis in 1917 (born June 30, 1899). Vocation, electrician. Mrs Robbins is interested in California history research, fiction, and short-story writing. At the time of his death he lived in South San Francisco. Issue, 3 children (Fay Stanley, Jr., Genevieve, and Dale Evelyn):

VI (1) FAY STANLEY ROBBINS, Jr., born August 13, 1918, at Woodland, Calif. Married Josephine Scardino Jan. 1, 1938. He served with the U. S. Air Force in Burma, India, China, England, and Korea during World War II. Now lives at 311 Spruce Ave., South San Francisco, California. Issue, a son:

VII. FAY STANLEY ROBBINS, 3rd, born Nov. 7, 1941.

VI (2) GENEVIEVE (ROBBINS) ROUSE, born Jan. 28, 1921, at Woodland, Calif. Married Charles H. Rouse in 1940. He served in the U. S. Navy in World War II. Later he was attached to the U. S. Embassy at Copenhagen. Issue, 2 children (James W. and Dale Louise):

VII (1) JAMES W. ROUSE, born Dec. 12, 1944.

(2) DALE LOUISE ROUSE, born Dec. 7, 1947.

VI (3) DALE EVELYN (ROBBINS) GRAVELY, born September 3, 1934, at South San Francisco. While in high school she was reporter and editor of school paper and yearbook. Married Robert L. Gravely, Jr., April 16, 1953. They live at 314 California Street, South San Francisco, California. Issue, 2 children (Kristy Lynn and Robert Wayne):

VII (1) KRISTY LYNN, born May 25, 1954.
(2) ROBERT WAYNE, born August 7, 1957.

V (2) ESTELLE ROBBINS died at the age of 18 months, about the year 1900.

V (3) FRANCES (ROBBINS) HAZEMAN, born March 18, 1902, at Laclede, Mo. Married Arthur Boots August 11, 1920. He was fatally injured while working for the Pac. Gas & Elec. Co., and died January 23, 1921. Later, May 18, 1923, Frances married Harry Hazeman. He was born March 13, 1894. He is a mechanic and is employed by the Yolo Co. They live at Woodland, California. No issue by either marriage.

V (4) SANFORD KENNETH ROBBINS, born January 1, 1904, at Tancred, Calif. He married Dagmar Bonita Dale. She was born at Bode, Iowa, May 20, 1902, and is a graduate nurse. Mr. Robbins was engaged in real estate and insurance business in South San Francisco for many years, then moved to Upper Lake, California, where he is now engaged in real estate business.
Issue, 2 children (Patricia Ann and John Scott):

VI (1) PATRICIA ANN (ROBBINS) RICHARDS, born May 20, 1936, at South San Francisco. Married Robert Richards. They live in Salem, Oregon. Issue, 1 child:

VII. BARBARA ANN, born June 18, 1958.

VI (2) JOHN SCOTT ROBBINS, born March 18, 1944, at South San Francisco, California.

V (5) EVELYN (ROBBINS) HAMILTON, born in Guinda, California, March 19, 1907. Married, firstly, Garland Cook, in 1923; was divorced and married, secondly, William Hamilton, in 1927. They live at 1411 Gerry Way, Roseville, California.

Issue by first marriage:

VI (1) MILBURN COOK, born in 1924.

Issue by second marriage:

VI (2) WILLIAM HAMILTON, Jr.
(3) JACK HAMILTON.
(4) SANFORD HAMILTON.

IV (3) CHARLES A. ROOKS, born about 1878 or 1879; died when 8 years old.

IV (4) CLAUDE A. ROOKS, born Mar. 24, 1881, at Laporte, Mo.; married Grace Inez Johnston Mar. 15, 1915. Her maiden name was Snell, her first marriage being to a Mr. Johnston. Claude was employed by the Great Northern Railroad for 44 years, most of which time he was a conductor. Previous to his retirement in 1949 he lived in Great Falls, Montana. Here all his children were born. After his father died Claude rendered valuable aid to his younger brothers and sisters, doing his utmost to keep the family together when they were too young to support themselves. After retiring, he moved to Portland, Ore., where he lives at 6610 Pacific St. N.E. Issue, 3 children (Claudia, Betty, and Audrey):

V (1) CLAUDIA ADELMA (ROOKS) SANFORD, born Jan. 31, 1916 at Great Falls, Mont. After graduating from high school she spent 2 years studying at Kinnans College, Spokane, Wash. Married Delbert Clay Sanford Nov. 4, 1939. He was born Mar. 13, 1915. They live at 41 Meadows Ave., San Rafael, California. Issue, 1 child:

VI. CHERYL ILENE SANFORD, born August 5, 1943.

V (2) BETTY LOUISE (ROOKS) HURD, born May 17, 1918. Graduate of Great Falls (MonT.) High School and Benkke Walker Business College. Married James Archibald Hurd Aug. 20, 1939 He was born May 19, 1917. He is a conductor on the Southern Pacific Railroad. They live at 6538 N. E. Pacific St., Portland, Oreg. Issue, 2 children (Juilie and Scott):

VI (1) JUILIE ANN HURD, born March 14, 1943.
(2) SCOTT SHERIDAN HURD, born July 12, 1955.

V (3) GRACE AUDREY (ROOKS) SCROGGINS, born Mar. 2, 1928. Graduate of Great Falls (Mont.) High School and Benkke Walker Business College. Married, firstly, Richard F. Riedel; was divorced and married, secondly, Ernest Lemuel Scroggins in 1956. He was born in Linton, Ind., April 8, 1917. Ernie had 3 years service in Field Artillery, U. S. Army. During World War II he served in the Merchant Marine. Now employed by Interstate Freight Lines. Lives at 2924 N. E. 122nd Ave., Portland, Oreg. Issue by first marriage:

VI (1) CLAUDIA JO RIEDEL, born FEBRUARY 14, 1952.

Issue by second marriage:

VI (2) JAYNE MAUREEN SCROGGINS, born August 31, 1957.
(3) BETTY MELINDA SCROGGINS, born February 4, 1959.

IV (5) ELMER J. ROOKS, born in Missouri February 27, 1883; died November 12, 1951. Married Gertrude Clute November 21, 1906 (born March 4, 1885; died April 27, 1954). They lived in Minnesota for 6 years, then moved to Great Falls, Mont. In 1936 they moved to San Diego, California. For several years previous to his death Elmer was employed by the city of San Diego in the water department. He was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and at the time of his death was a deacon. They lived at 4358 Felton Street, San Diego. Both were buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. No issue.

IV (6) EARNEST JOHN ROOKS, born December 21, 1886, in Macon County, Missouri; died December 13, 1922, at Woodland, Calif.

IV (7) EVERETT DAVID ROOKS, born December 21, 1886, in Macon County, Missouri. Married Esther Lincoln. He was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1957. After his retirement he moved from Tucson, Arizona, to 9015 Budlong Street, Los Angeles, California. Issue, 2 children (Everett and Richard):

V (1) EVERETT DAVID ROOKS, jr., born August 8, 1938, at Tucson, Arizona.

V (2) RICHARD LOUIS ROOKS, born August 5, 1939, at Tucson, Arizona.

IV (8) CARL ROOKS, born about 1888; died when about 6 months old.

IV (9) MINNIE (ROOKS) CLARDY, born at Clarence, Missouri, Feb. 5, 1890. Married Robert Leigh Clardy, of Clarksville, Tenn., December 24, 1908 (born October 8, 1882). Being orphaned at the age of 11, Minnie was adopted by a family in St. Louis. She remained with this family for about 4 years when her brother Claude took her to his home in Great Falls, Montana, where she lived for several months. She then went to live with her sister Adah at Tancred, Calif. Here she remained until she married. Shortly after her marriage to Mr. Clardy they lived in Guinda, California, and at Winters, California; then they moved to Great Falls, Montana, where they lived for a few months. Their next move was to Tennessee and Kentucky. Returning to California they lived successively in Guinda, Vacaville, Mountain View and, finally, at Santa Rosa. They have lived at Santa Rosa since 1930. Issue 1 child:

V. ROBERT LUCIAN CLARDY, born January 10, 1910, at Winters, California, Graduate of Vacaville (Calif.) High School. Took business courses with school in San Francisco and with La Salle Extension School. Saw active service in the U. S. Navy as yeoman in World War II. Married Gunhild Marjiol Rasmussen, of Racine, Wis., Sept. 25, 1943. She was born May 13, 1913. He is engaged in the mercantile business in Petaluma, Calif. Residence, 107 Glendon Way, Petaluma, California. Issue, 1 child:

VI. LOWELL ROBERT CLARDY, born December 11, 1948.

IV (10) RUBY CLARA ROOKS, born Nov. 6, 1893, at Meadville, Mo. Orphaned at the age of 6 she was taken to the home of a man named Bohm at Warrenton, Mo., where she lived until she was 18. She then left her foster parents, who were then living in St. Louis, and want to Winters, Calif. There she lived with her sister Minnie for a short time. She married Elmer Brown. No children were born to this marriage but they adopted two children, naming them Patsy and Elmer Brown. Both are married and live in Newman, California. Ruby was divorced and later married John Van Ryn. He went to Alaska and died there July 12, 1957. He was buried in a cemetary near Newman. Ruby operates a restaurant at Newman. No issue by either marriage.

IV (11) RALPH O. ROOKS (name changed to Chapline by adoption) born at Meadville, Mo., Jan. 26, 1896. When 3 years old he was adopted by a man named Chapline. His adopted parents moved from Missouri to a southern State and for 49 years all trace of him was lost. However, through the persistent efforts of his sister Ruby he was finally located in Louisiana. He served with the A. E. F. in France during World War I. He is married and lives at 28 Orange Lane, Natchez, Mississippi.

III (2) GARRETT (or Gerrit in Dutch) DAVID ROOKS, born January 6, 1851, near Macon, Missouri, died February 10, 1934. Married Mary Ann Cary January 17, 1875 (born April 27, 1854; died April 27, 1911). They lived in Missouri for a short time following their marriage, then moved to Indiana. A few months later they moved to Indiana County, Pennsylvania where they spent the remainder of their lives. Occupation, woodworking and carpentering. His hobby was reading. When he was 44 he was stricken with a mental disorder and confined to the State hospital at Dixmont and later to the State hospital at Wernersville, Pennsylvania, where he died. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery, near Rochester Mills, Pennsylvania. Issue, 7 children (Joseph Admiral, John Edison. Oren Homer, Marquis Lafayette, Martha Cora, Russell, and Leo Garrett):

IV (1) JOSEPH ADMIRAL ROOKS, born January 1, 1877, near Rochester Mills, Pennsylvania. On account of his father's incapacitation he had to quit school before completing his studies. He worked as woodsman, raftsman, and sawmill hand. Finally, learning the carpenter trade, he has followed that vocation ever since. Member of I. O. O. F. Lives at Rochester Mills, Pennsylvania. Unmarried.

IV (2) JOHN EDISON ROOKS, born September 1, 1878; died August 10, 1949. Married Frances Jordan December 25, 1906 (born September 25, 1885). In order to make a living for himself and help provide for his mother and younger members of the family he quit school before graduating. He found employment on the farm, worked as woodsman and sawmill hand, clerked in general store, then took up carpentering. While working in Pittsburgh he enlisted in the Navy. Upon his honorable discharge 4 years later he had a rating of carpenter's mate first class. Most of the time spent in the service was on the battleship Kearsarge which, for awhile, was the flagship of the North Atlantic Squadron, and commanded by Admiral Robley D. Evans.

Upon the termination of his enlistment he went to Butler, Pennsylvania, where he and a friend formed a partnership and engaged in the grocery business. This venture proved a failure. He then returned to his trade as carpenter, obtaining employment with the Standard Steel Car Co., at Butler. He worked continuously with this company for 41 years, 34 years of which time he was foreman of carpenters. He retired in 1948. He was a member of the Christian Church and I. O. O. F. Issue, 1 son:

V. CLARK WAYNE ROOKS, born Nov. 15, 1907, at Butler, Pa. Graduate of Butler High School. Also took special course at Carnegie Tech. Employed by Armco Steel Corporation at Butler. Married Ruth Pearle Nichols March 17, 1934 (born Aug. 10, 1912). They live on North Duffy Road, Butler, Pa. Issue, a son (James Clark Rooks):

VI. JAMES CLARK ROOKS, born December 2, 1936. Graduate of Butler High School. Married Doris June McDaniel Sept. 13, 1958 (born June 13, 1937). James is employed by the Fidelity Trust Co., Butler, Pa. They are members of the First Baptist Church and live on North Duffy Road, Butler, Pa.

IV (3) OREN HOMER ROOKS, born Dec. 5, 1881; died April 21, 1931. Lived at Rochester Mills, Pa. Occupation, Photographer. Member of Methodist Church. Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Rochester Mills, Pa.

IV (4) MARQUIS LAFAYETTE ROOKS, born Nov. 3, 1883, near Rochester Mills, Pa. Married Beatrice Mauk, a widow (whose maiden name was Orr), Mar. 28, 1940. She was born Sept. 8, 1893. After finishing country school he made several trips west and worked at ranching, logging and other jobs. He worked as a lineman with the Western Union Telegraph Co. in the New England States. At another time he worked for the Western Union in Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and California. Tried homesteading in Oregon but gave that up. For a number of years he worked for the Bell Telephone Co. in various localities in Pennsylvania. His last assignment with them was at Newcastle. At the outbreak of World War I he decided to be a machinist, but the war came to an end about the time he finished his apprenticeship. He, with a number of others, was laid off for lack of work. Undaunted, he bought a few carpenter tools and hired out as a carpenter. He followed this trade for a number of years, working in and around Indiana, Pa., until World War II broke out. He then went to Washington, D. C. and was employed as a machinist in the Naval Gun Factory. There he worked for the duration of the war, or about 6 years, and was retired. He returned to the carpenter trade again working in Washington until 1953, then moved back to Indiana, Pa. Mark has always taken an active interest in Church work and both he and Beatrice are Baptists. They live at 261 Philadelphia St., Indiana, Pa.

IV (5) MARTHA CORA (ROOKS) COREY, born at Rochester Mills, Pa., June 10, 1886; died April 28, 1942. Married Carl Corey September 10, 1909. She taught school for 3 years previous to her marriage. Was an active member of the First Methodist Church and W.C.T.U. at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Her hobby was music. Issue, 3 children (Paul, Elizabeth, and Alberta):

V (1) PAUL VIRGIL COREY, born at Punxsutawney June 11, 1911; died January 26, 1926.

V (2) ELIZABETH (COREY) FARRELL, born November 30, 1914, at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Graduated from Punxsutawney High School and University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. After completing her nursing course she accepted a position in Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. Now works part-time as visiting nurse. She married John Thomas Farrell June 7, 1938. He was born June 9, 1909. He is employed by the Commonwealth Edison Co. in New York. John is a Catholic and Elizabeth a Methodist. They live at 259 Sprain Road, Yonkers, N. Y. Issue, 3 children (Anne Lorraine, Jacqueline Marie, and John Corey):

VI (1) ANNE LORRAINE FARRELL, born July 23, 1943, at Yonkers.

VI (2) JACQUELINE MARIE FARRELL, born March 27, 1945 at Yonkers.

VI (3) JOHN COREY FARRELL, born April 12, 1950, at Yonkers.

V (3) ALBERTA (COREY) WEAVER, born May 31, 1919, at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Graduated from Punxsutawney High School and Edward J. Meyer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Buffalo, New York. Member and historian of Community Church at Eggertsville, New York. Married George E. Weaver January 23, 1944. He was born March 11, 1916. They live at 198 Buckeye Road, Eggertsville, New York. Issue, 3 children (Suzanne, Nancy and Paul).

VI (1) SUZANNE WEAVER, born May 15, 1945.

(2) NANCY WEAVER, born April 19, 1947.

(3) PAUL ANDREW WEAVER, born October 4, 1956.

IV (6) RUSSELL ROOKS, born February 14, 1889, near Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Married June Esther Taylor, daughter of Brooke Powell and Edna Taylor, September 4, 1923, at Washington, D. C. After finishing country school he worked on the Rossiter (Pa.) "Citizen", a weekly publication which suspended publication a year after initial issue. The next job was with the Big Run (Pa.) "Tribune". After 6 months with the Tribune he worked for the Punxsutawney (Pa.) "News" for 12 years. Worked also in printing plants in Altoona and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Akron and Denver; and before entering the service in 1918 was working on the Chester (Pa.) "Times". Served with the 161st Infantry in France in World War I. Following discharge from the service was made foreman on Fort Sheridan (Ill.) "Recall" in April, 1919. In February, 1920, resigned and accepted an appointment in the Government Printing Office at Washington, D. C., as linotype operator, and later worked as proofreader and copy preparer. Hobby, music. Studied voice and was chorister in the Epiphany (Episcopal) Church, Washington, D. C., for 32 years. Retired from Government service in 1952. Lives at 801 South Glebe Road, Arlington,Va. Both are members of Methodist Church. Issue, 3 children (Russell T., Edna P., and Robert J.):

V (1) RUSSELL TAYLOR ROOKS, born January 5, 1926. Graduated from Washington-Lee High School, Arlington, Virginia, in 1944, and Maryland University in 1951. He studied one year at Strayer's Business College, Washington, D.C. Served as signalman on LST 1038 during World War II, most of which time was in the South Pacific. After graduation from Maryland University he was employed by the Capitol Milk Producers Association, with headquarters at Frederick, Maryland. In January, 1956, he accepted a position with the Lehigh Valley Co-Operative Farmers, Allentown, Pennsylvania.Married Gladys I.Trimble (whose maiden name was Ingram) March 23, 1957. She was born May 9, 1914..She had 2 children by a former marriage: Ellouise Trimble, born November 28, 1940, and Betty Jewell Trimble, born April 10, 1945. All members of the family are Methodists. Issue (by second marriage):

VI. MARGARET ANN ROOKS, born June 5, 1958, at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

V (2) EDNA PANTHIER (ROOKS) POWELL, born December 28, 1927, in Arlington, Virginia. Married M/Sgt. Robert C. Powell September 15, 1951. He was born August 7, 1919, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During World War II he was with the Air Force in Europe. Following the war he re-enlisted in the Air Force and is now stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. Issue, 2 children (Glenn Scott and June Ann):

VI (1) GLENN SCOTT POWELL, born February 8, 1953, in Arlington, Virginia.

(2) JUNE ANN POWELL, born at Mount Clemens, Mich., September 10, 1954.

V (3) ROBERT JOHNSTON ROOKS, born September 7, 1932, in Arlington, Virginia. Married Shirley Lee Ambrose June 11, 1955. She was born February 11, 1935. Both are graduates of Washington-Lee High School, Arlington, Virginia. She pursued her studies further at George Washington University. She performed secretarial service in the Internal Revenue Bureau until they moved to Trenton, New Jersey. Robert studied clarinet and piano and played in the high school band. Enlisted in the Army Engineer Corps March 18, 1953, and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he served his entire enlistment. Was discharged the service January 31, 1956. After basic training he was assigned to the band. Took a 6-months course and graduated from the Navy School of Music. Studied 1 year at American University. Was choirmaster at Springfield Methodist Church for 2 years. Graduated from Westminster Choir College with bachelor of music degree in May, 1959. Issue:

VI (1) DEBORAH LEE ROOKS, born May 15, 1956, in Arlington, Virginia.

IV (7) LEO GARRETT ROOKS, born September 5, 1892, near Rochester Mills, Pennsylvania. Married Margaret Reineke November 23, 1927, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was born June 16, 1893. After finishing country school he worked on the railroad a short time. When 20 years of age he went to Detroit and worked in the Packard Motor Co. plant. After 8 years with the Packard Co. he worked a year at the King Motor Co. plant in Detroit. Served 9 months during World War I in the Army Air Force, during which time he was at Kelly Field, Texas. From there he was transferred to Minneapolis for instruction in servicing airplane motors. After discharge from the service he worked at Coraopolis, Scottdale, and New Castle, Pennsylvania. After several months with the Winton Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, he went to Minneapolis and found employment as an auto mechanic. He is a member of Masonic order. They live at 5240 Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. No issue.

III (3) MARY C. (ROOKS) BRUNER, born in Macon County, Missouri, March 9,1885; died November 30, 1935, at Enid, Oklahoma. Married William Thomas Bruner, a Civil War veteran. He was born in 1841 and died March 6, 1927. They lived on Grand Avenue, Enid, Oklahoma. Members of Baptist Church. Issue.

IV. LENA BRUNER, born about 1898. She went to Los Angeles, California, after the death of her mother.

III (4) JOHN R. ROOKS, born April 4, 1859, near Macon, Missouri; died February 12, 1935. Married Sarah Ellis. She was born October 16, 1856, and died June 24, 1942. Both were buried in Friendship Church Cemetery, about 7 miles southeast of Macon. John lived on a farm and followed the occupation of farmer all his life. His farm was located about 7 miles southeast of Macon. Both were Baptists. They were childless but they took an infant niece, Minnie Howell, and raised her to maturity.

III (5) HETTIE (ROOKS) ELLIS, born January 12, 1867; died about 1945. She married Richard Ellis. Date of his death unknown. They lived on a farm near Billings, Oklahoma. No issue.

III (6) HALIE ROOKS HOWELL, born January 12, 1867; died October 21, 1888. Married Albert Howell. He was born November 2, 1862, and died May 7, 1953. After the death of his wife he married again. He lived in Moberly, Missouri, at the time of his death. Issue by first wife:

IV. MINNIE (HOWELL) SCOTT, born September 1, 1887. When she was 2 years old her uncle, John Rooks, took her to raise. Her mother died about a year after her birth. Minnie married Homer Scott December 18, 1913. He died September 1, 1942. For several months following their marriage they lived in Danville, Illinois. Then they returned to Missouri for a short time, after which they moved to Wisconsin in 1918 where they remained until 1935, returning again to Macon, Missouri. There they operated the farm of John Rooks who died the same year. After the death of Minnie's Aunt Sarah they sold the farm and moved to Moberly, Missouri. Issue, Gertrude, Wayne and Bernice:

V (1) GERTRUDE (SCOTT) GOODMAN, born November 19, 1916. Graduate of Macon (Missouri) High School. Married Virgil Arthur Goodman August 25, 1940. He was with the U.S.Army in South Pacific in World War II. They live at 424 Jefferson Avenue, Moberly, Missouri. Issue, 3 children (Louise, Janice, and Ellen):

VI (1) LOUISE ELAINE GOODMAN, born September 14, 1943.
(2) JANICE LORRAINE GOODMAN, born May 2, 1945.
(3) ELLEN JANE GOODMAN, born August 26, 1947.

V (2) WAYNE SCOTT, born April 30, 1919. Graduate of Macon High School. Married Melba Jean Hamonn July 1, 1950. She was born June 18, 1927. Wayne served with the U. S. Marines in the South Pacific during World War II. He is a machinist. Lives at 1432 Spruce Street, Quincy, Illinois. Issue, 3 children:

VI (1) BARBARA JEAN, born July 10, 1951.
(2) RICHARD WAYNE, born October 22, 1954.
(3) STEVEN GERARD, born May 25, 1958.

V (3) BERNICE SCOTT, born December 19, 1922. Graduated from Macon (Missouri) High School and Kansas City General Hospital School of Nursing. Now employed in nursing service at Veterans Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri.

(Conclusion of Gerrit Rooks branch)

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II (5) ALEIDA ROOKS, born November 16, 1829. Died June 25, 1880.

CHAPTER III

HARMINA HENDRIKA ROOKS

II (6) HARMINA HENDRIKA (ROOKS) DE ROUVILLE, born in Winterswijk, Netherlands, August 15, 1832. Date of death unknown. Married William Hendrikus de Rouville. He was born July 29, 1834. His parents being French Huguenots, were compelled to flee from France during the religious persecutions and found refuge in the Netherlands. He was a direct descendant of Robert Franklin de Rouville, the first French governor of the West Indies. In the Netherlands they intermarried with the Dutch. As a result of this intermarriage they are entitled to coats of arms from both Dutch and French ancestry. Their entire married life was spent in Albany, New York, where he was engaged in the mercantile business. Issue, 8 children (Herman, Anna, Wilhelmina, Alida, Maggie, Henry, Ernest van Erp, and Ernest van Erp):

III (1) HERMAN HENRY DE ROUVILLE, born July 31, 1857, in Albany; died June 4, 1929. Married, firstly, Teresa Klump; married, secondly, Sophia E. Neef. She was born August 18, 1865, at Orange, New Jersey; died February 23, 1943. Issue by first marriage, 1 child (William):

IV. WILLIAM HENRY DE ROUVILLE, born June 17, 1880, at Albany; died August 25, 1909. Married Sophia Teresa Hohenstein. She was born January 25, 1881, at Albany, and died in January 1915. Issue, 1 child:

V. JULIA (DE ROUVILLE) CAMPBELL, born November 19, 1904.
Married a Mr. Campbell. (No further information).

Issue by second marriage, 9 children:

IV (1) Unnamed. Died in infancy.

IV (2) LOUISE NEEF (DE ROUVILLE) TRUMBULL, born October 23, 1887, at Albany, New York. Married Stephen Edwin Trumbull. He was born February 5, 1887, in Denver, Colorado, and died in September, 1958, in Albany. Issue, 1 child:

V. ANNA SOPHIA (TRUMBULL) PAULSEN, born November 28, 1921, at Albany. Married George Robert Paulsen, Jr. (born April 14, 1919, in Schenectady, New York). Now lives at 24 Bohl Avenue, Albany. Issue, 2 children (Douglas and Barbara):

VI (1) DOUGLAS ROBERT PAULSEN, born July 29, 1940, at Albany. Now in Coast Guard.

VI (2) BARBARA DIANE PAULSEN, born November 16, 1942, at Albany.

IV (3) HERMAN HENRY DE ROUVILLE, born October 2, 1891, in Albany, New York; died November 1, 1938. Married Edna Heller (born April 27, 1895, in Albany). No issue.

IV (4) JACOB FREDERICK DE ROUVILLE, born January 18, 1894 in Delmar, New York. Married Harriet Elizabeth Zautner (born December 4, 1895, in Albany). He was employed in the Department of Public Works of New York State as chief purchasing agent, with offices in Albany. He retired in February, 1959, after 31 years service. He is a member of the Third Reformed Church and she is a member of the Lutheran Church. They live at 26 Marwill Street, Albany, New York. Issue, 2 children (Elaine and Marjorie):

V (1) ELAINE (DE ROUVILLE) WESTON, born September 19, 1922, in Albany. Married Edward James Weston (born September 11, 1921). Issue, 6 children (Nancy, Eduard, Bruce, Wendy, Keith, and Diane):

VI (1) NANCY BETH WESTON, born December 12, 1947, in Albany.

VI (2) EDUARD JAMES WESTON, born March 11, 1949, in Albany.

VI (3) BRUCE ALAN WESTON, born June 25, 1950, in Albany.

VI (4) WENDY JEAN WESTON, born December 10, 1952, in Albany, New York.

VI (5) KEITH FREDERIC WESTON, born January 14, 1956, at Albany.

VI (6) DIANE WESTON, born March 6, 1958.

V (2) MARJORIE (DE ROUVILLE) HAACK, born April 28, 1924, in Albany. Married Edward John Haack, Jr. (born January 16, 1925). Issue, 4 children (Edward, Donna, Richard, and David):

VI (1) EDWARD JOHN HAACK, 2d, born February 6, 1951, in Albany.

VI (2) DONNA JEAN HAACK, born July 26, 1952, in Albany.

VI (3) RICHARD ALAN HAACK, born July 3, 1955, in Albany.

VI (4) DAVID BRYAN HAACK, born February 20, 1958, in Albany.

IV (5) ERNEST VAN ERP DE ROUVILLE, born November 1, 1895, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Died October 2, 1900.

IV (6) ALIDA SOPHIA (DE ROUVILLE) HOLLER, born August 5, 1897. Married George Jacob Holler. He was born August 27, 1898, and died February 14, 1954. Issue, 2 children (Ruth and George):

V (1) RUTH LOUISE (HOLLER) HILTON, born July 9, 1919, in Albany, New York. Married John Ten Eyck Hilton (born September 1, 1917, in Albany). They live in Richmond, Virginia. Issue, 3 children (John, Unis, and Heather):

*VI (1) JOHN JUSTIN HILTON, born March 12, 1942.

*VI (2) UNIS LOUISE HILTON, born March 12, 1942.

VI (3) HEATHER ANN HILTON, born July 10, 1945, in Albany.

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V (2) GEORGE JACOB HOLLER, jr., born October 6, 1922, in Albany, New York. Now a missionary stationed in Bahrein, in the Near East. Married Louise Essenburg. She was born January 26, 1918. Issue, 3 children (Jennie, Patricia, and Stephen):

VI (1) JENNIE LOU HOLLER, born June 15, 1952, in Iraq.

VI (2) PATRICIA ANN HOLLER, born July 5, 1954, in Iraq.

VI (3) STEPHEN JAMES HOLLER, born August 19, 1956, in Albany.

IV (7) ROBERT FRANKLIN DE ROUVILLE, born in Albany February 11, 1900; died November 18, 1947. Married Stephina Herrewyn. She was born October 27, 1901, at Holland, Michigan. Issue, a daughter:

V. JOAN (DE ROUVILLE) MILLER, born June 2, 1930, in Albany. Married Leonard Miller. He was born November 12, 1928. They live at 285 Orange Street, Albany, New York. Issue, a son:

VI. ROBERT JAMES MILLER, born November 26, 1958, in Albany.

IV (8) ANDREW RADEL DE ROUVILLE, born August 6, 1900, in Albany. Married Doris Isdell de Rouville. She was born January 31, 1903. Issue, 1 child:

V. CAROLE JOYCE DE ROUVILLE, born September 15, 1933, in Albany.

IV (9) GEORGE DE ROUVILLE, born January 12, 1908; died January 18, 1908

III (2) ANNA DE ROUVILLE, born November 1, 1859. Died ----- (?)

III (3) WILHELMINA DE ROUVILLE. Married Abraham Mull. Issue, 2 children. (Wilhelmina and Florence).

III (4) ALIDA SOPHIA DE ROUVILLE, born June 2, 1869, in Holland, Michigan; died April 4, 1943. Married Franklin Frederick Schimpf June 19, 1890. He was born October 13, 1861, at Rome, New York. Died May 29, 1943, at Albany. Most of their lives were spent in Albany. They were members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Issue, 2 Children, (Alfred and Gertrude):

IV (1) ALFRED IRVING SCHIMPF, born January 2, 1891. Graduated from Albany High School and Union Law College. He is now assistant to the president of the National Commercial Bank in Albany. Married, firstly, Blanche Pearl; secondly, Eve Brown, both from New York City. They live at Old Chatham, New York.

IV (2) GERTRUDE ALIDA (SCHIMPF) WHITE, born October 4, 1893. Graduate of Albany Academy for Girls. Married Chandler T. White in 1922. He is vice president of General Aniline & Film. Lives at 20 East 68th Street, New York, N. Y. Issue, 1 child:

V. ELIZABETH CHANDLER WHITE, born February 5, 1926.

III (5) JOHANNA MARTINA JACOBS (DE ROUVILLE) SANDS, known more familiarly as "Maggie", was born May 31, 1870; died April 9, 1942. Married Matthew S. D. Sands at Albany, New York, June 20, 1892. He was born December 9, 1866, at Albany, and spent most of his life there, but lived for a while at Worcester, Massachusetts. Both were members of the Dutch Reformed Church. Issue, a son:

IV. LINZEE SHERIDAN SANDS, born June 27, 1897, at Worcester, Mass. He married Isabelle Susan Dornes (born March 19, 1898). Both are members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where he is tenor soloist. He is employed by Crompton & Knowles Loom Works. They live at 22 Shattuck Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. No issue.

III (6) S. HENRY DE ROUVILLE. Married Rose Hefferman Bom. They had one daughter named Mabel. No further information.

III (7 & 8) ERNEST VAN ERP DE ROUVILLE. Two children with same name. Both died in infancy.

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CHAPTER IV

JANNA GEERTRUID ROOKS

II (7) JANNA GEERTRUID (ROOKS) BOEVE, born April 25, 1835, in Winterswijk, Netherlands. Died - - -? She married Henry Boeve, a successful farmer, and they lived on a farm 4 miles southeast of Holland, Michigan. Issue, 4 sons and 3 daughters (Jane, Anna, John, Gerrit, Gertrude, Albert, and Henry):

III (1) JANE BOEVE, born - - -? Married John Van den Belt. They lived southeast of Holland and attended Ebenezer Reformed Church. He died - -? Jane then married Jacob Helder. No children were born to second marriage. Issue by first marriage, 2 children:

IV (1) WILLIAM VAN DEN BELT, born - -? Married Martha Van Leeuwen. Issue, 3 children. Names unknown.

IV (2) JANET VAN DEN BELT, born - - -? Married John Oss. Issue, 5 children. Names unknown.

III (2) ANNA BOEVE, born - - -? Married George DeWitt. They lived southeast of Holland, Michigan. Members of Ebenezer Reformed Church. Issue, 3 children (Henry, Mary, and Augustine):

IV (1) HENRY BOEVE, born ---? Married Dena Grotenhuis. Issue, 5 children. Names unknown.

IV (2) MARY BOEVE, born ---? Married Cornelius Van Leeuwen. Issue, 2 children. Names unknown.

IV (3) AUGUSTINE BOEVE, born ---? Married Agnes Daining. Issue, 4 children. Names unknown.

III (3) JOHN BOEVE, born ---? Married Dena Nyland. Lived on farm southeast of Holland. Members of Ebenezer Reformed Church. Issue, 7 children.

IV (1) GERTRUDE BOEVE. Married John Lubbers.

(2) JOHN BOEVE. Married Julia Kortering.

(3) HATTIE BOEVE. Married Nickolas Dykhuis.

(4) HENRY BOEVE. Married Henrietta Veurink.

(5) ELSIE BOEVE. Married Herman Korterink.

(6) ARTHUR BOEVE. Married Helen Ensing.

(7) EDWARD BOEVE. Married Jennie Lubbers.

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III (4) GERRIT BOEVE. Married Reka Oonk. Lived on a farm southeast of Holland, Michigan. Attended Ebenezer Reformed Church. Issue, 6 children.

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IV (1) HENRY BOEVE.
(2) WILLIAM BOEVE.
(3) BENJAMIN BOEVE. Married Henrietta De Haan.
(4) HARRIET BOEVE. Married Albert Teerman.
(5) GLADYS BOEVE. Married Glenn Fynewever.
(6) LUCILLE BOEVE. Married William Brondyke.

III (5) GERTRUDE BOEVE. Married Jacob Pas. Lived on a farm southeast of Holland, Michigan. Attended Ebenezer Reformed Church. Issue, 2 children:

IV (1) GERTRUDE PAS. Married.
(2) HENRY PAS. Married.

III (6) ALBERT BOEVE. Married Sena Walters. Lived southeast of Holland. Attended Ebenezer Reformed Church. Issue, 10 children: Gertrude, William, Henrietta, Julia, Priscilla, Richard, Morris, Mabel, Lester, and Stanley.

III (7) HENRY BOEVE. Married, firstly, Clara Diephouse; married, secondly, Reka Daining. Issue by first marriage, a son:

IV. CLARENCE BOEVE.

Issue by second marriage, 13 children:

IV (1) ANNA BOEVE. Married John Brinkhouse.
(2) RUSSELL BOEVE. Married Antoinette Scrotenboer.
(3) AGNES BOEVE. Married Wallace Nies.
(4) ESTHER BOEVE. Married Herman Sluyter.
(5) MILDRED BOEVE. Married Harry Helder.
(6) NELSON BOEVE . Married Geneva Bouman.
(7) HAZELLE BOEVE. Married Sage Ver Hoeven.
(8) EDYTHE BOEVE. Married Glenn Manners.
(9) MARJORIE BOEVE. Married Clifford Giles.
(10) KATHRYN BOEVE. Married Raymond Brondyke.
(11) ROGER BOEVE. Married Agatha Mulder.
(12) DOROTHY BOEVE. Married Mark Ruisard.
(13) HENRY BOEVE. Married Verna Mulder.

(This concludes the Janna Geertruid branch)

CHAPTER V

HARMEN JOHN ROOKS

II (8) HARMEN JOHN ROOKS, born at Winterswijk, Netherlands, September 14, 1837, died at Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 18, 1921. Married Clara Mulder December 1, 1864. She was born October 16, 1844, in the Netherlands and died December 7, 1919, at Grand Rapids. When a young man, Harmen fished with a fisherman named Fisher. They fished in Lake Michigan near Holland. This occupation he followed but a brief time. After marrying, Harmen settled on a farm near Holland where he lived 35 years. All the children were born while living on the farm. Then he moved to Grand Rapids where he thought his children would have more opportunities for an education and livelihood. He lived in Grand Rapids 20 years. He and his wife were active members of the Christian Reformed Church, first with the Niekerk Church in Holland and later with the Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. Issue, 11 children, 2 dying in infancy (William J., Gerrit J., Albertus J., Peter J., Herman H., Leonard J., John J., Martin J., and Martin):

III (1) WILLIAM J. ROOKS, born July 29, 1865; died August 28, 1953, at Holland, Michigan. Married Joanna Veurink in 1884. She was born March 8, 1868, and died June 29, 1932. William was a practicing veterinarian for over 50 years in Holland and the neighboring countryside. He was a well-known and highly respected citizen. He attended the Niekerk Christian Reformed Church. Issue, 6 children (Hattie, John, Gerrit, Clara, William, and Joseph):

IV (1) HATTIE ROOKS, born February 14, 1884.

IV (2) JOHN W. ROOKS, born August 17, 1891. Married Alice Hop, June 25, 1914 (born July 7, 1894). He died July 16, 1947. She then married, secondly, Andrew Scott, January 12, 1952. They live at Coopersville, Michigan. Issue, by first marriage only, a son:

V. WILLIS JAY ROOKS, born July 20, 1916. Married Vivian Traxler May 8, 1941. She was born October 12, 1920. Both are members of Immanuel Reformed Church. They live at 836 Mayhew Wood Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Wayne, Dale, and Carol):

VI (1) WAYNE DOUGLAS ROOKS, born November 18, 1942.

(2) DALE ARTHUR ROOKS, born May 18, 1947.

(3) CAROL LEE ROOKS, born December 26, 1953.

IV (3) GERRIT JOHN ROOKS, born September 13, 1894. Married, firstly, Delia Mulder, May 3, 1918 (born August 1898; died April 15, 1921). Married, secondly, Truda Douma June 8, 1923 (born August 14, 1901). They are members of the Reformed Church. No issue by second marriage but a child was adopted and named Myrna Rooks. They live at 196 East 29th Street, Holland, Michigan. Issue by first marriage:

V. WILLARD ROOKS, born October 5, 1920. Married Laura Ruth Stafford January 8, 1945 (born February 10, 1921). Issue, 1 child:

VI. WARD STAFFORD ROOKS, born October 5, 1945.

IV (4) CLARA (ROOKS OVERWAY) born May 9, 1896. Married, firstly, Martin Zwagerman July, 1915 (born 1891). He died April 10, 1936. She then married, secondly, Jacob Overway November 7, 1944 (born 1893). They live at 2837 - 96th Avenue, Zeeland, Michigan. Issue, by first marriage only, 2 sons:

V (1) JOHN ZWAGERMAN, born February 26, 1916. Married Harriet Kraght February 14, 1940. She was born October 5, 1916. His occupation is farming. Lives on Route 1, Zeeland, Michigan. Both are members of the Christian Reformed Church. Issue, 2 sons:

VI (1) LEE WILBUR ZWAGERMAN, born November 25, 1940.

(2) JAY ALLYN ZWAGERMAN, born November 28, 1943.

V (2) WILBUR ZWAGERMAN, born May 6, 1922. Married Hattie Overway February 6, 1942. She was born June 23, 1922. They are members of the Christian Reformed Church. They live on Route 1, Zeeland, Michigan. Occupation, farmer. Issue, 5 children (Frances, Jason, Harold, Bette, and Keith):

VI (1) *FRANCES KAY ZWAGERMAN, born September 2, 1942.

(2) *JASON WAYNE ZWAGERMAN, born September 2, 1942.

(3) HAROLD DALE ZWAGERMAN, born May 8, 1945.

(4) BETTE ANN ZWAGERMAN, Born January 20, 1952.

(5) KEITH ALLEN ZWAGERMAN, born January 15, 1955.

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IV (5) WILLIAM J. ROOKS, born January 7, 1902, at East Holland, Michigan. Married Ann Barense July 29, 1924. She was born July 29, 1901. His occupation, decorator. They are members of the Christian Reformed Church and live at 319 West 20th Street, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Wendell and Barbara):

V (1) WENDELL JAY ROOKS, born May 9, 1927. Married Lillian Stegenga November 23, 1949. She was born August 5, 1929. His profession is teaching. Both are members of the Christian Reformed Church. They live at 142 West 30th Street, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 4 children (Thomas, Linda, James, and Charles):

VI (1) THOMAS EARL ROOKS, born October 7, 1950.

(2) LINDA SUE ROOKS, born June 21, 1952.

(3) JAMES KEVIN ROOKS, born May 15, 1955.

(4) CHARLES ERIC ROOKS, born February 22, 1958.

V (2) BARBARA ANN (ROOKS) HOLTHOF, born March 13, 1931. Married Jerry Holthof October 2, 1953. He was born January 19, 1931. Their home is in Holland, Michigan.

IV (6) JOSEPH ROOKS, born April 3, 1907; died in June 1949. Married Florence Kooistra. Occupation, painter. He lived in Holland. She remarried. Issue by first marriage, 2 children (Joyce and Foster):

V (1) JOYCE ROOKS, born October 1942.

(2) FOSTER ROOKS, born May 18, 1946.

III (2) GERRIT JOHN ROOKS, born March 28, 1867, at Holland, Michigan. Married, firstly, Clara J. Hunderman, April 6, 1892. She was born November 6, 1868, died March 6, 1893. One daughter (Clarissa) was born to the first marriage. He married, secondly, Clara Hofma, June 17, 1903. She was born August 20, 1876, and died July 26, 1921. Two sons and one daughter were born to the second marriage.

Gerrit worked on his father's farm until he was 20, then took a commercial course at a business college; later, a correspondence course from the University of Chicago. For 50 years he was employed as bookkeeper and office man by the A. B. Knowlson Co., at Grand Rapids, Michigan, dealers in fuel and building supplies. This business was incorporated in 1912, at which time he was elected treasurer and some time later was made secretary-treasurer of the corporation.

For many years the business prospered, but because of the depression in the thirties, in 1938 the company, like many others throughout the country, fell a victim to business losses; so it was decided to liquidate the business. Gerrit was appointed receiver by the court to liquidate the company. After completing this task he was employed by the Slager Plumbing Supply Co. as office manager for about 10 years. This position he held until he was 88 years old, then retired because of a heart attack.

Throughout his entire lifetime Gerrit has taken an active interest in church work. He is a member of the Christian Reformed Church and has served his church in various capacities. He was a member of the Board of Publications for over 40 years, and a member of the Board of Finance of Calvin College for some 20 years. Throughout most of this period he was an active member and officer in his church. Now, at the age of 92, he is an ardent reader, especially of the publications of his denomination. He lives with his daughter, Clarissa, at 243 Hollister Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Issue by first marriage, 1 daughter:

IV (1) CLARISSA (ROOKS) HUNDERMAN, born February 24, 1893. Studied at Calvin College and graduated from the University of Michigan; also graduated from the Blodgett Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. She is now assistant head nurse in the obstetrical ward in the Butterworth Hospital. She is a member of the Christian Reformed Church. Married Dr. Edward Hunderman May 29, 1934 (born August 13, 1885). She lives with her father in Grand Rapids.

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Issue by second marriage, 3 children (Wendell, John, and Julia):

IV (2) WENDELL HOFMA ROOKS, born October 15, 1905, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Married Geesje Uitslager June 20, 1930 (born September 28, 1908). She is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine.

Wendell graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School in 1923; graduated from Calvin College in 1928. After graduating from the University of Michigan School of Medicine he served as interne and assistant physician 1930-1935, and as assistant superintendent and chief of staff 1935-1941 at Pontiac State Hospital. From 1941-1951 he was medical director of the Christian Sanatorium at Wyckhoff, New Jersey. In 1951 he was appointed director of Hackley Adult Mental Health Clinic at Muskegon, Michigan, a state institution. He also maintains an office in Grand Rapids for psychiatric treatment. He and his family are members of the Christian Reformed Church. They live at 1158 Nixon Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids. Issue, 7 children (Wendell II, John, Stephanie, Andrew, David, Judith, and Steven):

V (1) WENDELL HOFMA ROOKS II, born October 2, 1931. Married Nancy Wiersma of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, January 12, 1955. He graduated from Calvin College with B.S. degree; graduated also from University of Michigan with M.S. degree. Now engaged in research work by the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology (Research Center). Both are members of the Christian Reformed Church. They live at 626 Sunderland Road, Worcester, Massachusetts. Issue, 3 children (Cynthia, David, and Lynelle):

VI (1) CYNTHIA NAN ROOKS, born February 6, 1956.

(2) DAVID PETER ROOKS, born February 27, 1957.

(3) LYNELLE G. ROOKS, born October 11, 1958.

V (2) JOHN FREDERICK GIRARD ROOKS, born April 4, 1933. Graduated from Michigan State University June 1956 as doctor of veterinary medicine. He has been employed in contract practice by the Michigan and U. S. Departments of Agriculture as veterinary inspector. Member of the Christian Reformed Church. Lives at 1158 Nixon Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

V (3) STEPHANIE MICHAEL ROOKS, born April 20, 1935. Graduate of the 3-year course at Calvin College; graduate from the Blodgett Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Member of the Christian Reformed Church. Lives with her parents.

V (4) ANDREW JONATHAN ROOKS, born July 20, 1938. Student at Calvin College. Member of Christian Reformed Church. Lives with his parents in Grand Rapids.

V (5) DAVID CORNELIS ROOKS, born February 24, 1940. High school student. Lives with his parents. Member of Christian Reformed Church.

V (6) JUDITH KATHLEEN ROOKS, born September 7, 1941. High school student. Lives at home. Attends the Christian Reformed Church.

V (7) STEVEN TIMOTHY ROOKS, born August 15, 1943. Student. Lives at home. Attends the Christian Reformed Church.

IV (3) JOHN MARION GIRARD ROOKS, born February 10, 1907. Married, firstly , Cecil Bos (born July 19, 1908; died October 4, 1938). Married, secondly, Marian Helen De Jonge January 4, 1946. She was born April 22, 1910.

After graduating from Grand Rapids Christian High School John went to the University of Michigan, graduating with an A.B. degree. He continued his studies further at Harvard University, graduating with an M.B.A. degree. Served with U.S. Air Force in Europe in World War II. After the war he remained in the service and for some time was head of the Officers' Records at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., with rank of Lieutenant Colonel. From this post he was transferred to Kansas City, Missouri, serving as vice commander of Central Air Defense Force. Now temporarily retired on disability. Both are members of the Christian Reformed Church. They live at 2348 Union Boulevard, Grand Rapids. No issue by either marriage.

IV (4) JULIA ELIZABETH (ROOKS) DIELEMAN, born March 12, 1910. Married Jacob Dieleman November 26, 1935, (born November 25, 1908). Mr. Dieleman is regional manager of the Philip Morris Tobacco Co., covering Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan. Both are members of the Christian Reformed Church. They now live at 207 West Ridge Avenue, Prospect Heights, Illinois. Issue, 1 child:

V. DAVID JAY, born July 24, 1938; died August 3, 1938.

III (3) ALBERTUS J. ROOKS was born January 17, 1869, in East Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan. He died at Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 24, 1958. His mother, whose maiden name was Mulder, came from the Netherlands with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mulder, who arrived shortly after the arrival of the Van Raalte group in 1847.

The early Dutch settlers realized the importance of educating their children; so, by May, 1848, a primary school had been organized in the town now known as Holland. William Mulder, maternal grandfather of Albertus, had the distinction of serving on the board of directors of this school with Dr. Van Raalte and a Mr. Post, all of whom were active in trying to establish a successful and thriving settlement.

After spending his boyhood days on the farm with his parents, Albertus, or more familiarly known by his friends as Albert, studied at Hope College in Holland, which was 6 miles from his home. After graduating from Hope he taught in the rural schools for a while. Not being satisfied with what knowledge he had attained he pursued his studies further at the University of Michigan, graduating with a M.A. degree. Before finishing his studies at the University he was called by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in 1894 to come to Calvin College and teach English and German. The Synod had three men under consideration for this position: Albertus Rooks, Dr. C. J. Calkoen of Midland Park, New Jersey, and Dr. Jaeger, of Germany. Albertus being the only one of the three graduating from an American university the selecting board thought he was best qualified to serve the interests of Calvin. Before assuming his duties at the college he was required to deliver an oration, which was translated and printed in De Wachter.

Upon entering his first year at Calvin there was a scarcity of qualified teachers, so he was asked to teach, in addition to English and German, the following subjects: geography, American history and civics, physiology, and a class in Greek - an incredible load for any man. After a time, and on the advice of his physician, he was relieved of some of this load when it was apparent that he could not continue indefinitely under such a strain and maintain his health.

Some years later, or to be exact, in 1900, a distinct and significant change took place: The Literary Department was expanded and the work divided, so that Prof. Rooks was assigned to teaching Latin and American history only.

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After this change had taken place Albertus had more time to pursue his favorite subjects. For many years he occupied the chair of Latin and was known to the faculty and student body as the beloved professor. When it was decided to have an executive head for the literary department, Albertus was selected by the Board of Trustees for this position, which post he held until 1919. It was during these years, or to be exact, in 1905, that he was given a leave of absence to go abroad for further studies. He spent three semesters at the University of Bonn, Germany, studying languages and Roman history. Returning to Calvin he continued his work until 1919, at which time the first president of the college was elected. Albertus, who had taught here for so many years, and having the satisfaction of seeing the school grow to an important position as an institution of learning, finally was rewarded for his long and arduous services by being selected dean.

In 1925 Albertus was given another leave of absence. Latin and Roman culture being his favorite subjects, it was only natural that he should desire to visit Rome, and so he did. There he continued his studies. Incidentally, while there he had the opportunity of witnessing the elevation to cardinals of three Americans in St. Peter's Cathedral.

Albertus continued as dean of Calvin until 1942, at which time he was retired with title of Dean Emeritus after being associated with Calvin for 48 years, and an over-all span of 50 years in the teaching profession. During his 48 years at Calvin he saw the college grow from a meager faculty of 4 and a few students to a faculty of 70 and a student body of 1,500.

At the time of his retirement many prominent educators who were cognizant of Albertus' ability and thoroughness in his profession commented on his work. The late Dean Effinger of the University of Michigan commented: "If all the small colleges in the United States equalled Calvin in its thoroughness and in its ability to put the scholarly emphasis upon its work, there would be cause for rejoicing throughout the land."

In 1894 Albertus married, firstly, Katie Corbyn, a native of East Holland, Michigan. She was born January 28, 1871, and died February 6, 1915. He married, secondly, Grace Oosting, June 29, 1916. She was born November 23, 1887. They were members of the Christian Reformed Church. Albertus lived at 737 Benjamin Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, a site overlooking the campus of Calvin where, daily, he could observe and enjoy, with deep satisfaction, the growth and success of the institution with which he spent so many years of his life.

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Issue (of Albertus) by first marriage:

IV (1) HENRY CORBYN ROOKS, born February 9, 1910. Married Helen Virginia Felton August 20, 1937 (born January 16, 1912). She graduated from Carleton College in 1923 with a B.A. degree. Henry studied 2 years at Calvin College; graduated from the University of Michigan in 1933 with a B.A. degree, and in 1934 received his M.A. degree from the same school. He is now vice president of the Trane Co., La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he and his family live at 2607 Cass Street. Issue, 2 children:

V (1) JOHN CORBYN ROOKS, born June 15, 1940.

(2) JAMES FELTON ROOKS, born April 3, 1943.

Issue by second marriage:

IV (2) RHINEDALE ROOKS, born April 12, 1917, died November 19, 1954. Married Selina Leenstra June 22, 1937 (born June 22, 1919). After teaching a year and a half at Kent University, Rhinedale decided to take up photography. Specializing in commercial photography he forged ahead with remarkable success and, before his death at the early age of 37, had accomplished much in his chosen profession. Among his achievements were the photographing of live rabbits for a children's book entitled, "Three Little Bunnies"; a companion book entitled, "Three Little Puppies", being assisted by his wife in making costumes for the animals for both books. Dale entered one of his photographs in a nation-wide contest in 1939. He took first prize, an award of $500. He was a member of the Christian Reformed Church. His entire life was spent in Grand Rapids. Issue, 3 children:

V (1) JAN ROOKS, born April 29, 1942.

(2) DARYLL ROOKS, born February 4, 1948.

(3) DALENE ROOKS, born June 25, 1952.

IV (3) MARIUS ROOKS, born October 13, 1926. Married Mary Holtrop February 16, 1950 (born February 26, 1927). Marius is a photographer, and was associated with his brother Dale until his death. Marius and his wife are members of the Christian Reformed Church. They live at 827 Calvin Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue:

V. DEAN ALLEN ROOKS, born January 17, 1953.

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III (4) PETER J. ROOKS, born May 25, 1871, in Holland Township, Ottawa County, Michigan; died September 3, 1942. Married Maggie Van Den Beldt December 4, 1895 (born December 1, 1876; died January 18, 1940). Peter lived on a farm near Holland most of his life. Both were members of Niekerk Christian Reformed Church. Issue, 8 children (John, Jennie, Albert, James, Clarence, Benjamin, Henrietta, and Mabel):

IV (1) JOHN ROOKS, born January 20, 1898; died April 18, 1944. Married Jerena Steggerda November 4, 1920 (born November 7, 1897). John operated a transfer line in Holland for several years previous to his death. He was a member of the Maplewood Reformed Church. She is also a member of the same church. Mrs. Rooks lives at 1473 West 40th Street, R. 1, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 5 children (Marjory, Paul, John Jr., Jerold, and Ruth):

V (1) MARJORY ROOKS (blind), born August 17, 1921.

V (2) PAUL ROOKS, born August 20, 1923. Married Betty Jane Antkier September 29, 1943 (born January 13, 1925). Occupation, truck driver. Both are members of Maplewood Reformed Church. They live at 47 West 34th Street, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 3 children:

VI (1) STEPHEN DALE ROOKS, born April 26, 1946.

(2) THOMAS ALLEN ROOKS, born July 5, 1948.

(3) KATHY ANN ROOKS, born October 26, 1954.

V (3) JOHN ROOKS, Jr., born August 3, 1925. Married Ada Karrs January 28, 1947 (born March 2, 1927). Occupation terminal manager. Both are members of Maplewood Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan. They live at 9 West 13th Street, Holland, Michigan.

V (4) JEROLD EUGENE ROOKS, born May 20, 1928. Married Joane Lowe December 1, 1949(born April 1, 1931). Occupation, carpenter. Members of Central Park Reformed Church. They live on R.R.1, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 2 children:

VI (1) GAIL ANN ROOKS, born January 20, 1951.

(2) JEROLD EUGENE ROOKS, Jr., born June 14, 1952.

V (5) RUTH (ROOKS) WARD, born March 13, 1935. Married James Brian Ward December 14, 1956. She is teaching while he is attending Michigan State University. They live at East Lansing, Michigan.

IV (2) JENNIE (ROOKS) KARSTEN, born December 25, 1900. Married Peter W. Karsten May 6, 1920 (born April 5, 1898). Mr. Karsten is employed in a factory. They are members of Drenthe Christian Reformed Church. They live on Rural Route #3, Zeeland, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Warren, Carol, and Vernon):

V (1) WARREN PAUL KARSTEN, born May 22, 1924. Married Norma Fae La Huis September 23, 1948 (born April 24, 1929). Occupation, farmer. Members of Drenthe Christian Reformed Church. They live on Rural Route #3, Zeeland, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Lynn, Bruce, and Douglas):

VI (1) LYNN KARSTEN, born October 18, 1949.

(2) BRUCE KARSTEN, born May 8, 1951.

(3) DOUGLAS KARSTEN, born November 6, 1955.

V (2) CAROL MAE (KARSTEN) TERPSTRA, born October 21, 1930. Married Jacob John Terpstra, Jr., June 30, 1950, (born February 5, 1928). Factory employee. Both are members of Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church. They live on Rural Route #2, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Ronald, Robert, and Kathy):

VI (1) RONALD JAY TERPSTRA, born November 13, 1951.

(2) ROBERT GENE TERPSTRA, born December 13, 1953.

(3) KATHY JOY TERPSTRA, born December 13, 1957.

V (3) VERNON DALE KARSTEN, born July 1, 1938. Served 2 years in the Army. Now a student. Lives with his parents.

IV (3) ALBERT P. ROOKS, born January 8, 1902. Married Jennie Jacobs November 29, 1923 (born August 10, 1902). Occupation, farmer. Both are members of Niekerk Christian Reformed Church, Holland. Address, R. R. #3, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 4 children (Preston, Anne, Margaret, and Joyce):

V (1) PRESTON MORRIS ROOKS, born June 3, 1924. Married Margaret Boerema November 2, 1945 (born February 2, 1925). Occupation, dairy employee. Members of Bethany Christian Reformed Church, Holland. They live at 17 West 26th Street, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 4 children (Mary, Ruth, Marla, and Rodger):

VI (1) MARY ELLEN, born October 16, 1947.

(2) RUTH ANN, born February 25, 1949.

(3) MARLA JEANNE, born February 25, 1951.

(4) RODGER DALE ROOKS, born January 29, 1958.

V (2) ANNA MAE (ROOKS) WARREN, born December 25, 1925. Married Raymond F. Warren June 27, 1946 (born January 17, 1928). Occupation, merchant. Members of Niekerk Christian Reformed Church. They live on R. R. #3, Holland, Michigan. Issue, (1 child):

VI. SANDRA ANN WARREN, born November 23, 1950.

V (3) MARGARET (ROOKS) ARENS, born July 16, 1928. Married Paul Arens October 13, 1949 (born March 15, 1924). Occupation, bookkeeper. Members of Prospect Park Christian Reformed Church, Holland. They live at 26 East 21st Street, Holland, Michigan.

V (4) JOYCE HELENE (ROOKS) HAVEMAN, born June 18, 1930. Married Jason Roger Haveman September 2, 1950 (born December 18, 1930). Employed by city of Holland. Both are members of Ninth Street Christian Reformed Church.
Residence, 149 Glendale, Holland, Michigan.

IV (4) JAMES ROOKS, born June 12, 1904. Married Rena Geurink November 24, 1925 (born March 8, 1906). Owner of Rooks Express. Members of Bethany Christian Reformed Church. They live at 120 East 32nd Street, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Lester and Myra):

V (1) LESTER JAY ROOKS, born February 24, 1927. Married Vivian May Boeve July 22, 1948 (born January 16, 1929). In trucking business with his father. Members of Bethany Christian Reformed Church. They live on R. R. #1, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Allan and Daryl):

VI (1) ALLAN JAY ROOKS, born January 2, 1950.

(2) DARYL LON ROOKS, born August 18, 1954.

V (2) MYRA ARLENE ROOKS, born May 25, 1934.

IV (5) CLARENCE ROOKS, born August 15, 1906. Married Adrianna Koeman May 25, 1933 (born October 26, 1911). Employed in factory. Members of Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. They live at 204 Parkhurst, Spring Lake, Michigan. Issue, 5 children (Sandrina, Pearlene, Clarissa, Glenn, and Ronald):

V (1) SANDRINA MAE (ROOKS) BOYD, born December 17, 1923. Married James Alexander Boyd August 4, 1956 (born June 13, 1932). Sandrina teaches school. He is sales manager for Armco Steel Corporation.

V (2) PEARLENE ANN (ROOKS) TEUNIS, born October 9, 1939. Married Stanley George Teunis May 1, 1959 (born August 22, 1939). Employed at Shurfire Warehouse in Muskegon, Michigan. She is a beautician.

V (3) CLARISSA ROOKS, born February 28, 1943.

V (4) GLENN DUANE ROOKS, born March 6, 1945.

V (5) RONALD ROOKS, born August 11, 1949.

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IV (6) BENJAMIN ROOKS, born September 14, 1909. Married Gertrude Henrietta Veurink September 25, 1930 (born March 9, 1913). Occupation, factory employee. Members of Hardewyk Christian Reformed Church. They live at 2302 Lakewood Boulevard, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Mildred, Wallace, and Patricia):

V (1) MILDRED MARIE (ROOKS) BEKKER, born April 3, 1931. Married Paul H. Bekker May 29, 1952 (born February 28, 1931). Served in the U.S.Army for a while. Now lives at 498 West 21st Street, Holland, Michigan. They are members of the Christian Reformed Church. Issue, 3 children (Karen, Thomas, and Kristyn):

VI (1) KAREN LYNN BEKKER, born March 6, 1953.

(2) THOMAS JAY BEKKER, born December 31, 1956.

(3) KRISTYN JOY BEKKER, born January 17, 1959.

V (2) WALLACE EUGENE ROOKS, born May 1, 1943.

V (3) PATRICIA ANN ROOKS, born July 9, 1945.

IV (7) HENRIETTA (ROOKS) KIEVIT, born September 2, 1910. Married Jacob Kievit December 24, 1932(born July 28, 1906). He is employed in a factory at Holland, Michigan. Members of Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church. Lives at 164 Walnut Avenue, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 7 children (Maxine, Barbara, Jacob Jr., Phyllis, Karen, David, and Donald):

V (1) MAXINE JUNE (KIEVIT) TIMMER, born May 6, 1933. Maxine is a stenographer. She married Jay Timmer April 12, 1957. He was born November 24, 1933. Works at Sumner Chemical Works. They live at 30 1-2 Taft Street, Zeeland, Mich.

(2) BARBARA ANN KIEVIT, born February 5, 1935. Employed in factory in Holland.

(3) JACOB KIEVIT, Jr., born February 25, 1938.

(4) PHYLLIS JEAN KIEVIT, born May 5, 1943.

(5) KAREN FAYE KIEVIT, born December 8, 1944.

(6) DAVID KIEVIT, born December 15, 1948.

(7) DONALD PAUL KIEVIT, born January 6, 1952.

IV (8) MABEL (ROOKS) HACKLANDER, born August 4, 1912. Married James Hacklander August 4, 1944 (born April 8, 1905). Factory employee. Members of First Reformed Church, Holland. They live at 90 Gordon Street, Holland, Michigan. No issue.

III (5) HERMAN HENDRIKUS ROOKS, born January 17, 1873; died September 23, 1953. Married Cornelia Gurlings October 14, 1898 (born March 4, 1877; died February 28, 1919). Both were members of the Niekerk Christian Reformed Church. Herman farmed for a living and lived on a farm near Holland, Michigan, where he spent his whole life. Issue, 3 children (Janna, Clara, and Cornelia):

IV (1) JANNA MARIA (ROOKS) DE VRIES, born July 17, 1901. Married Cornelius De Vries October 28, 1920 (born July 13, 1900). Both are members of Niekerk Christian Reformed Church. Cornelius is a furniture worker. They live at 38 Lindy, Zeeland, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Herman and June):

V (1) HERMAN CORNELIUS DE VRIES, born April 23, 1921. Married Geneva May Brower April 30, 1946 (born April 9, 1919). Both are members of Christian Reformed Church. They live at 156 Glendale Avenue, Holland, Michigan. No issue.

V (2) JUNE AGATHA (DE VRIES) STANTON, born December 30, 1932. Married George Edward Stanton December 31, 1952 (born February 17, 1933). Occupation, welder. Both are members of Niekerk Christian Reformed Church. They live at 740 North Kiney, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue:

VI. JOAN MARIA STANTON, born January 2, 1954.

IV (2) CLARA (ROOKS) WALTERS, born May 16, 1904. Married Herman S. Walters May 28, 1925 (born March 26, 1902). They lived on a farm near Holland, Michigan, for many years. Now live at 816 N. E. 21st Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Issue, 2 children (Herman Jr., and Christal May):

V (1) HERMAN WALTERS, Jr., born April 13, 1926. Married Valeta Wilson July 11, 1952 (born August 27, 1929). Occupation, TV technician. Members of Trinity Reformed Church. They live at 1646 Willis N. W., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue:

VI. JOHN STEVEN WALTERS, born March 6, 1954.

V (2) CHRISTAL MAY (WALTERS) BOSMA, born October 21, 1929. Married Donald Bosma July 3, 1951 (born September 3, 1917). Occupation, mechanic. Members of Trinity Reformed Church. They live on Route #3, Holland, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Donald and Dennis):

VI (1) DONALD DAVID BOSMA, born September 20, 1951.

VI (2) DENNIS HARLAN BOSMA, born June 19, 1952.

IV (3) CORNELIA (ROOKS) JOHNSON, born May 15, 1906. Married Gerrit Johnson June 20, 1930 (born May 12, 1908). Members of Third Christian Reformed Church. They live at 236 South Wall Street, Zeeland, Michigan.

III (6) LEONARD J. ROOKS, born September 27, 1875; died April 27, 1956. Married Susan G. Noordhoff November 2, 1903 (born October 19, 1881). Occupation, salesman. She died February 20, 1957. They were members of the Christian Reformed Church. For many years preceding their deaths they lived at 1916 Eastern Avenue, S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue, 6 children (Clara, Nellie, Josephine, Gordon, Melvin, and Lois):

IV (1) CLARA GERTRUDE (ROOKS) SYTSMA, born January 30, 1904. Graduate of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, and Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Occupation, school teacher. Member of Christian Reformed Church. Married Frederick A. Sytsma August 9, 1957. They live at 918 Joslin S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

IV (2) NELLIE HELENA ROOKS, born March 31, 1905; died January 10, 1911.

IV (3) JOSEPHINE G. K. ROOKS, born January 16, 1908. Graduate of Calvin College. Occupation, bacteriologist. Member of Christian Reformed Church. Lives at 1916 Eastern Avenue, S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

IV (4) GORDON N. ROOKS, born December 29, 1909. Married Ethel Hoekstra June 10, 1939 (born October 23, 1913). He is a graduate of Christian High School. Occupation, milkman. Members of Christian Reformed Church. They live at 1011 Thomas Street, S. E., Grand Rapids. Issue, 3 children (Alice, Carol, and Patricia):

V (1) ALICE SUZANNE ROOKS, born August 1, 1941.
(2) CAROL WILLYNNE ROOKS, born February 19, 1945.
(3) PATRICIA RUTH ROOKS, born March 28, 1951.

IV (5) MELVIN L. ROOKS, born November 6, 1911. Married Margaret Weemhoff June 30, 1938 (born April 9, 1913). Graduate of Calvin College. Occupation, office manager. Members of Christian Reformed Church. Residence, 941 Sherman Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Duane and Ardith):

V (1) DUANE LEONARD ROOKS, born July 2, 1945.
(2) ARDITH JOY ROOKS, born February 13, 1948.

IV (6) LOIS (ROOKS) TABER, born October 31, 1917. Married Roy E. Taber January 30, 1942 (born December 10, 1914). Both are graduates of Grand Rapids Christian High School and Lucid Business College. Lois is a stenographer and Roy is a tool and die maker. Residence, 5270 Hillcrest, Detroit 36, Michigan.

III (7) JOHN J. ROOKS, born October 27, 1877, at Holland, Michigan, died April 17, 1933, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He married Jeannette Welandt, daughter of the Rev. Frank and Hermina Welandt of Chicago, on February 2, 1902. John graduated in medicine from the University of Illinois in 1901. He practiced medicine and surgery in Grand Rapids for 32 years. Both were members of the Christian Reformed Church for many years, then transferred their membership to the Fountain Street Baptist Church. Issue, 1 daughter.

IV. MYRTLE RUTH (ROOKS) SUGG, born August 6, 1903. Graduate of the University of Michigan with A.B. and M.A. degrees. Married Cullen Edward Sugg October 9, 1925. He is a physician and surgeon, graduating from the Universities of Michigan and Pennsylvania. They live at 3175 Cascade Road, S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue, a daughter.

V. GWENDOLYN RUTH (SUGG) HARRINGTON, born September 25, 1928. Graduate of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, with A.B. degree. Married John Andrew Harrington, B.S., industrial engineer, with the Wolverine Shoe Co., in Rockford, Michigan. They live at 2556 Albert Drive, S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Issue, 4 children (Mary, Terry, John and Douglas):

VI (1) MARY JEANNETTE HARRINGTON, born January 2, 1952.

(2) TERRY LYN HARRINGTON, born April 17, 1954.

(3) JOHN CULLEN HARRINGTON, born November 20, 1955.

(4) DOUGLAS ROBERT HARRINGTON, born October 24, 1958.

III (8) MARTIN J. ROOKS, born December 4, 1879; died January 31, 1880.

III (9) MARTIN ROOKS, born September 21, 1881. Died in infancy.

(Conclusion of the Harmen Rooks branch)

CHAPTER VI

GERRIT HENDRIK ROOKS

II (9) GERRIT HENDRIK ROOKS, born March 7, 1841, at Winterswijk, Netherlands, died April 20, 1931. Was buried in a cemetery at Holland, Michigan. He was the youngest in the family. Married Biena Naber. She was born November 19, 1844, and died January 12, 1923. They lived in Holland, Michigan. Both were members of Ebenezer Reformed Church. Gerrit was very active in church work and for many years served his church as elder and Sunday School Superintendent. Issue, 7 children (Peter, Henry, John, Ann, Albert, Minnie, and Kathryn):

III (1) PETER G. ROOKS, born January 2, 1868; died May 21, 1921. Married Henrietta Allen January 10, 1894. She was born November 17, 1869. They lived at Linton, North Dakota, where he served as sheriff, register of deeds, and postmaster. Issue, 2 children (Gerrit and Edward):

IV (1) GERRIT P. ROOKS, born December 14, 1895, at Hull, North Dakota. Graduate of Linton (North Dakota) High School. Served as city engineer in several cities. Now employed by the State of Michigan with headquarters in Lansing. Served in the Naval Aviation branch during World War I. Married Jane De Jonge April 23, 1923. She was born November 23, 1896, at Zeeland, Michigan. They are members of First Presbyterian Church, Lansing. They live at 6059 Skyline Drive, East Lansing, Michigan.

IV (2) EDWARD E. ROOKS, born October 4, 1897, at Hull, North Dakota. Graduated from Linton (N. Dakota) High School and studied one year in North Dakota Business College. Married Mae Edna Beekman September 1, 1934. She was born April 4, 1906, at Holland, Michigan. He is employed by Baker Furniture Inc., Holland, Michigan. Both are members of the Third Reformed Church. They live at 215 West 15th Street, Holland, Michigan.

III (2) HENRY GERRIT ROOKS, born October 29, 1870, at Holland, Michigan. Married, firstly, Cornelia Sara Van der Meulen May 6, 1898. She was born June 17, 1872, at Fulton, Illinois, and died August 20, 1932. He then married, secondly, Wilda Adams Tredway October 16, 1944. She was born June 17, 1875. Occupation, farmer and landscape gardener. He lived in Holland for many years where he did landscape gardening. Now lives at East Mount Hope Street, Lansing, Michigan. Member of Presbyterian Church. Issue, by first wife only, 3 children (John, Beatrice, and Madge):

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IV (1) JOHN VAN DER MEULEN ROOKS was born November 4, 1899, at Holland, Michigan. Married Esther Kammeraad November 22, 1922. She was born at Holland June 6, 1901. John is a machinist and works for Continental Motors. They live at 1823 Cherry Street, Muskegon, Michigan. Issue, 3 children (Phyllis, Elinor, and Shirley):

V (1) PHYLLIS JEAN (ROOKS) SCHAUB, born August 23, 1923, at Muskegon, Michigan. Married Charles Schaub March 10, 1945. He was born January 18, 1924. His occupation, salesman. They live at 1863 McIlwaith Street, Muskegon. Issue, 3 children (Charles, Rodney, and John):

VI (1) CHARLES VANCE SCHAUB, born November 7, 1947.

(2) RODNEY BURR SCHAUB, born June 26, 1950.

(3) JOHN FRANKLIN SCHAUB, born June 29, 1954.

V (2) ELINOR MAY (ROOKS) THORSEN, born February 22, 1927, at Muskegon, Michigan. Married Eugene Thorsen April 19, 1950. He was born July 9, 1927. He is a construction worker.. They live at 6286 Middle Lake Road, Twin Lake, Michigan.

V (3) SHIRLEY RAE ROOKS, born August 5, 1940, at Muskegon, Michigan.

IV (2) BEATRICE MAY (ROOKS) WHIPPLE, born September 6, 1902, at Holland, Michigan. Married Luther A. Whipple November 12, 1948. He was born October 11, 1902, at Newburg, North Dakota. They live at 504 North Clemens Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

IV (3) MADGE ELINOR (ROOKS) DOTY, born August 25, 1907, at Holland, Michigan. Married Ethan A. Doty July 11, 1936. They were later divorced. Madge is employed at the Lansing Public Library. Residence, 703 Townsend Street, Lansing, Michigan.

III (3) JOHN ROOKS, born October 30, 1872; died June 24, 1954. Married Sophia Allen November 15, 1897. She was born March 24, 1874, at Saugatuck, Michigan. John operated a store at Westfield, South Dakota, for many years. At the time of his death he was superintendent of construction work at Sioux Falls. Mrs. Rooks lives at 522 South Third Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Issue, 3 children (Roland, Mabel, and Allene):

IV (1) ROLAND ROOKS, born August 17, 1899. Married Myrl Gordon. She was born April 1, 1904. Roland graduated from Iowa State University School of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa, where he teaches hygiene and preventive medicine. His home is at Kirkwood Circle, Iowa City, Iowa.

IV (2) MABEL (ROOKS) WICKS, born March 19, 1903, at Holland, Michigan. Graduated from Northern Normal and Industrial School, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Married Joseph Wicks October 18, 1930 (born September 19, 1896). He graduated from George Washington Law School, Washington, D. C., in 1926. Now judge of the Superior Court at Okanogan, Washington. Issue, 2 children (Mary Allene and Jo Ann):

V (1) MARY ALLENE WICKS, born February 16, 1933. Graduated from Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, in 1925. Graduated from University of Washington Law School in 1958. Now practicing law with the law firm of Jonson & Jonson, Seattle, Washington.

V (2) JO ANN (WICKS) THOMAS, born March 29, 1936. Married James R. Thomas, September 9, 1956. They live at Omak, Washington. Issue, 1 child:

VI. MARK JOSEPH THOMAS, born August 20, 1957.

IV (3) ALLENE (ROOKS) BANNICK, born July 31, 1907, at Holland, Michigan. Married George Bannick May 30, 1939. He is employed as bookkeeper. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. They live at Wilton Junction, Iowa.

III (4) ANN (ROOKS) NISSEN, born December 14, 1874; died November 24, 1955. Married Nicholas C. Nissen. He was father of 4 children by a previous marriage. He conducted a grocery business in Austin, a suburb of Chicago, until he retired and spent the remainder of his life at Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

III (5) ALBERT G. ROOKS, born May 4, 1879. He married, firstly, Dora De Pree (born 1880 and died in 1913); married, secondly, Maude Ann Miller October 27, 1914. She was born October 3, 1886, and died August 5, 1955. Albert was engaged in creamery business most of his life at following places: Martin, Mendon, Holland, and Niles, Michigan. Now retired and lives on Rural Route #2, Niles, Michigan. Issue by first marriage, 2 children (Leslie and Leon):

IV (1) LESLIE GERALD ROOKS, born July 19, 1907. Married Hazel Hoover October 19, 1935 (born April 27, 1912). Occupation, dairy worker. Address: 1711 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan. Both are members of Presbyterian Church.

IV (2) LEON JOHN ROOKS, born July 9, 1909; died June 10, 1934.

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Issue by second marriage, Lois and Lloyd:

IV (3) LOIS JEAN (ROOKS) PEABODY, born March 8, 1925. Married Arthur Lee Peabody May 30, 1952 (born November 2, 1915). He is purchasing agent for South Bend Tool and Die Company. Their home is at 1516 Broadway, Niles, Michigan. Issue, 2 children (Virginia and Robert):

V (1) VIRGINIA LOIS PEABODY, born June 10, 1953.

V (2) ROBERT WILLIAM PEABODY, born July 3, 1954.

IV (4) LLOYD PAUL ROOKS, born May 27, 1927, at Holland, Michigan. Married Shirley Miller October 17, 1952 (born November 17, 1929). She graduated from Central High School, South Bend, Indiana. He graduated from Niles High and South Bend College of Commerce; also had 2 years of accounting at Indiana University. Now employed a supervisor of billing department of Mastic Asphalt Corporation. They live at 5021 Grove Road, South Bend, Indiana. Issue, 2 children (Paula and Daniel):

V (1) PAULA ANN ROOKS, born October 8, 1956.

V (2) DANIEL JAY ROOKS, born March 21, 1958.

III (6) MINA (ROOKS) ELDRIDGE, born December 14, 1881; died May 6, 1944; Married Charles Bell Eldridge September 27, 1913 (born September 21, 1878). He lives on Rural Route 4, Holland, Michigan. Issue 2 children (Jane and Katherine):

IV (1) JANE (ELDRIDGE) BREEN, born February 8, 1915, in Chicago, Illinois. Graduated from Hope College, Holland, Michigan. Married Gerald Breen August 23, 1941 (born September 25, 1908). He is a graduate of Michigan State College. Gerald was branch manager for Holland Furnace Co. in several cities but is now general sales manager with offices at headquarters in Holland. They live at 3847 Lake Shore Avenue, Holland.

IV (2) KATHERINE (ELDRIDGE) KLOMPARENS, born March 9, 1916. Married Alvin W. Klomparens September 14, 1940 (born September 15, 1915). Both are graduates of Hope College. He is vice president of the Holland Furnace Co., and lives in Holland, Michigan. Issue, 4 children (Katherine, Charles, Gerald and Alvin):

V (1) KATHERINE ANN KLOMPARENS, born October 12, 1941.
(2) CHARLES PAUL KLOMPARENS, born September 6, 1943.
(3) GERALD ELDRIDGE KLOMPARENS, born June 6, 1950.
(4) ALVIN CRAIG KLOMPARENS, born April 13, 1955.

III (7) KATE (ROOKS) BOONSTRA, born November 27, 1876; died May 21, 1947. Married Dirk F. Boonstra June 18, 1902. He was born June 14, 1877, and died November 3, 1950. Operated a men's clothing store at Zeeland, Michigan, for a number of years. Issue, 2 children (Kathryn and Bina):

IV (1) KATHRYN BOONSTRA, born September 3, 1904. Teaches in high school. Graduate of Michigan State College. Member of Second Reformed Church. Lives at Lake Orion, Michigan.

IV (2) BINA (BOONSTRA) DEKKER, born April 25, 1908. Married James Dekker March 7, 1936 (born January 8, 1908). Both are graduates of Michigan State College. He received his master's degree in 1959. They live at Kewanna, Indiana. Issue:

V. DON L. DEKKER, born August 7, 1939. Graduated with honor from high school. Now a student in Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana.

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